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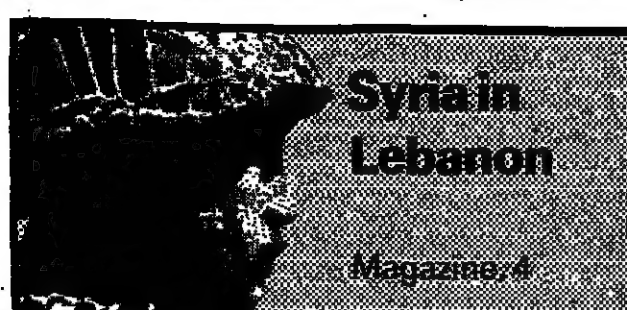
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ISRAEL'S reaction to the Soviet call for negotiations on establishing bilateral consular relations will determine the fate of the worldwide effort to free Soviet Jewry. The success of that struggle is dependent on an uncompromising public Israeli position linking any progress on other issues — indeed, any willingness to negotiate on other issues — to the release of the 400,000 Soviet Jews who have indicated their desire to emigrate to Israel.

The wide-scale aliya of Soviet Jews began after 1967, during a period when no diplomatic relations existed between Israel and the Soviet Union. The severing of diplomatic relations between Jerusalem and Moscow did not set in motion the process of Soviet aliya; both mass aliya and the break in relations did result, however, from a single source: the expression of Jewish national identity embodied in Israel's victory in the Six Day War.

Linkage: The key to Soviet aliya

This feeling of Jewish identity turned many Soviet Jews to Zionism and motivated the nation's leadership to raise the issue of Soviet Jewry to the highest importance on the national agenda.

Pressure was exerted on the Soviet Union by Western governments, especially by the government of the United States. This pressure was not limited to a single trade operation; it became a cornerstone of American policy in negotiating with the Russians. The efforts of the Jewish people on both sides of the Iron Curtain, and the firm stand taken by the State of Israel, resulted in political and economic pressure on the Soviet Union.

THE LARGE-SCALE aliya of Soviet Jews was not a goodwill gesture on the part of the Soviet leadership. Repression of the individual is a fundamental principle of a political system that sees the value of

which the political culture of the Soviet dictatorship is founded was seriously challenged by the demand of Soviet Jews, whom official Soviet policy does not even recognize as a separate nation, to decide for them-

self. The sacrifice on the part of the Soviets was too great to be perceived as part of a gesture of goodwill.

Today, as then, the Soviets will not tolerate free aliya unless forced

The Soviet Union will move significantly on the question of aliya only if it perceives the status quo to be more dangerous than a mass release of Russian Jewry. The free world has the potential to bring the Soviet leadership to this realization.

The technological gap between the Soviet Union and the free world is growing. That growth is reflected in military capabilities — such as President Reagan's Strategic Defense Initiative (Star Wars).

The Russian economy is stagnating, and the current Russian leadership is more conscious of the dangers of economic stagnation than any of its predecessors. Secretary Gor-

bachev's public warning that the Soviet Union will lose its economic and strategic race with the United States if progress is not made is unparalleled in Soviet history. We who were brought up in the Soviet Union were taught that the victory of socialism was inevitable.

The Soviet Union must reach out to the West to expand its technology and trade. The West has made it clear that it is willing to cooperate with the Soviet Union in this endeavour. The only question left outstanding is the price the Soviets will have to pay for this cooperation.

THE JACKSON Amendment and other instances of linkage were not born in a vacuum. They were the product of the constant struggle of Jewish activists who found allies in political circles in the West, allies who were willing to accept the moral

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Natan (Anatoly) Shcharansky on how to deal with the Soviets

man as nothing more than an insignificant cog in a huge machine. This principle is protected by Soviet law — a law that was designed to guard "the system" that decides what the individual must read, what he must do, what his national and political feelings should be.

This fundamental principle on

selves whether to live in the Soviet Union or to leave.

The fact that for a short time the Soviet government was willing to allow Soviet Jewish emigration, in spite of the threat it posed to principles on which the regime is based, was not the result of a decision of the Soviet leadership to improve its pub-

to do so. Today, this step is even more difficult for them than it was two decades ago. They know now that free aliya means the exit of at least 400,000 Jews. They cannot delude themselves into thinking, as they did in the past, that only small numbers of Jews will choose to leave.

Israelis leave for Helsinki

Post Diplomatic Correspondent and Agencies

Yehuda Horam, the head of the Israeli delegation to the forthcoming talks with the Soviets in Helsinki, yesterday flew to Finland to prepare for the negotiations which begin on Monday.

Horam was accompanied by Foreign Ministry deputy spokesman Ehud Gol, who will serve as the delegation's spokesman.

Prime Minister Peres, commenting on recent Soviet statements that the talks would deal only with "consular matters," yesterday reiterated that the Israeli delegation nonetheless would place the issue of Soviet Jewry at the top of the agenda.

Horam told reporters at the airport that Foreign Minister Shamir had briefed the team and that, in keeping with a government decision, the question of Soviet Jewry would be raised.

Horam said that it was not known how long the talks would continue. Two days have so far been set aside for the Helsinki meeting.

Ministry sources said that the Israeli delegation would also include Yehuda Shelef, of the ministry's claims division, and a still unnamed interpreter.

In Moscow, Reuters reports that diplomats believe a breakthrough is unlikely.

Government officials and the state-run media here have said several times this week that the talks will be confined to Soviet property holdings in Israel and consular access to Israelis who have emigrated from the Soviet Union.

Western embassy analysts in Moscow say that the public maneuvering of the two countries has served to obscure the interest each has in a cautious resumption of official contacts.

"I think you must take them at their word when they say there is no prospect of full diplomatic relations in the near future," one envoy said. But the fact is that these are the first official contacts in 19 years, and that

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Yehuda Horam

(Scoop 80)



Rescuers save a wounded woman from a burning building in East Beirut yesterday. (See story, p. 3) (Reuters)

Nissim to U.S. next month

Shultz urging massive tax and capital reforms

Post Economic Reporter
 Finance Minister Moshe Nissim will be visiting the U.S. next month to meet with U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz for discussions on stimulating economic growth in Israel. The Reagan administration expects the finance minister to bring a detailed economic plan with him.

Shultz has urged Prime Minister Peres to implement a far-reaching reform in the tax system and the capital market, and to start privatizing government-owned corporations.

In a letter to Peres this week Shultz stressed the need for such reforms as being essential for economic growth. He added that without economic growth Israel will face se-

rious problems in meeting its military and civilian expenditure.

Shultz stressed that the national unity government had succeeded in the implementation of the economic stabilization plan, but that it is now urgent that an effective capital market should be established. He added that he was looking forward to discussing with Nissim ways of encouraging economic growth.

Peres convened a top ministerial meeting on Monday to discuss Shultz's letter and Israel's response. According to Minister without Portfolio Moshe Arens, the meeting did not reach any conclusions, but was only an exchange of ideas.

Nissim has already stressed that before such reforms are attempted it is essential to slash the budget. The cabinet is due to vote Sunday on budget cuts of over NIS 400 million and a freeze on government contracts.

GSS probe aiming for politicians

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The aim of the police probe into the General Security Services affair is to determine if the political echelon ordered the killing of the two bus hijackers and the subsequent cover-up of the 1984 killings, Attorney-General Yosef Harish told *The Jerusalem Post*.

In an exclusive interview at his office this week, Harish said that neither the presidential pardons given to outgoing GSS head Avraham Shalom and three other GSS executives, nor the seven pending requests for pardon, would "absolve the political echelon" of responsibility for criminal acts if such were proven by the probe. (Full interview on page 5)

Normalization tops Kimche's Cairo agenda

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies

Foreign Ministry Director-General David Kimche is to visit Cairo next week for talks with Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel Magid on advancing normalization of relations between Egypt and Israel, the Foreign Ministry announced in Jerusalem last night.

A ministry spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* that Ambassador Moshe Sasson had already had talks this week with the Egyptian ministers of tourism, information and trade on normalization plans.

Yesterday's invitation to Kimche came during a meeting with Nabil el-Arabe, head of the Egyptian delegation to the Taba talks, at which Kimche explained the inner cabinet's vote on Wednesday ratifying the Taba arbitration-normalization of relations package.

The *Post* has also learned that construction of the Taba headquarters for the Multi-National Force and Observers in Sinai may begin as early as next week.

According to a reliable Israeli source, an MFO surveying team visited Taba on Wednesday and selected their headquarters site.

Egyptian and Israeli liaison officers are still continuing their joint daily inspection tours of Taba to ensure Israeli compliance with a 1982 status quo agreement.

The agreement bans Israeli military vehicles from Taba and prohibits construction of any new facility or addition to existing facilities.

In a related development, the Taba Sonesta Hotel's general manager, Joe Sultan, told *The Post* that a \$2 million renovation of the hotel would begin in the next few weeks. "It is strictly a renovation project and we will act within the terms of the existing diplomatic agreement forbidding any expansion," said Sultan.

In an interview on Israel Television's Arabic programme yesterday, Premier Peres said that the problem of Taba is as much a question of national prestige for Israel as for Egypt. But peace, he said, needs permanent borders.

"Good relations are a function of a good atmosphere, and without such an atmosphere, no undertakings — at least in this sphere — are worth much," Peres said. He added that he hoped both countries would succeed in creating a climate favorable to the growth of good relations.

Asked whether, with the Taba problem settled, the Palestinian problem might now hamper the in-

Army chief Levy defends reshuffle

'Changes strengthen IDF'

Post Defence Reporter

The major priority in recommending the latest round of changes at the top of the IDF was to strengthen the Ground Forces Command, Chief of General Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy told leading officers of the Southern Command yesterday.

Levy was responding to a barrage of criticism that the second reshuffle in less than six months would damage the army.

He admitted that both the Southern Command and the IDF Training Department would be hurt by a change in command after so short a time, but he stressed the priority was to boost the status of the GFC. "There would be some damage to Southern Command and the Training Department but this would be less

than the advantage accruing to the GFC," he said.

Among the critics was Aluf (Res.) Eliahu Gavish, who described the changes as a "foul up" and told Israel TV yesterday that both Levy and Defence Minister Rabin should be held responsible.

Levy told reporters that one should examine the credentials of the critics of the new appointments, to see whether they were not interested parties.

The GFC is at a crucial juncture of its development, Levy said, after having been led since its creation three years ago by top military figures. The GFC now needs a man of the calibre of Aluf Uri Saguy, currently O/C Southern Command, to follow in their footsteps and to bring

it to its full fruition as a major arm of the IDF, said the CGS. Thus, unfortunately, it had been found necessary to rotate top officers after only a short time in their jobs, he said. Former O/C Northern Command Aluf Ori Orr had declined to head the GFC, Levy revealed.

Saguy will take over the Ground Forces Command (GFC) from Aluf Amir Droni, who is to be appointed Deputy CGS. Saguy will be replaced as O/C Southern Command by Aluf Yitzhak Mordechai, currently serving as head of the Training Department.

Prime Minister Peres said yesterday that "it is inconceivable that the defence minister and the chief of general staff would do anything that is not for the good of the army."



Tehiya MK Genia Cohen on Temple Mount yesterday. (Adam Teitelbaum)

Tehiya MKs spend peaceful half hour on Temple Mount

By JOEL GREENBERG
 Jerusalem Post Reporter

Four Tehiya Knesset members, guarded by a phalanx of about 80 policemen in riot gear, visited the Temple Mount without incident yesterday.

Genia Cohen, Yuval Ne'eman, Rafael Eitan and Gershon Shafat spent about half an hour on the

Mount, and visited the area called Solomon's Stables. The underground Crusader structure was the object of a February visit by Knesset members which was cut short after a near-riot by chanting Moslem demonstrators. The MKs had at that time demanded to see what they said was illegal construction and weapons

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Diplomatic status for PLO in Spain

MADRID (Reuters). — Spain yesterday granted official status to the Palestine Liberation Organization office in Madrid. An official statement said Spain, convinced of the PLO's role in the quest for peace in the Middle East, had decided to formalize the status of its Madrid office.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman explained that the mission, working since 1977 without any formal agreement, was now granted all diplomatic privileges except immunity for its members and inviolability.

"It will enjoy diplomatic pouch, official honours and protection and figure on the diplomatic list, but under 'other representations,' and not as an embassy."

Austria and Greece are the only other West European countries which allow PLO offices.

Pouad Yasean, head of the office, said he hoped the move could lead Spain to "play an important role in finding a solution to the conflict between Arabs and Israelis."

The government's move came a few days before Foreign Minister Francisco Fernandez Ordóñez travels to Syria, one of the countries which most bitterly opposed Spain's opening of ties with Israel.

Yasean said the PLO mission in Madrid had "more than five members and less than 10."

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Netanya	37	20-37	38
Jerusalem	44	18-33	34
Sharon	42	19-32	32
Jerusalem	64	20-30	30
Be'er Sheva	52	18-30	31
Haifa	26	25-37	38
Netanya	69	23-29	29
Jerusalem	65	14-35	36
Be'er Sheva	31	25-38	39

Memorial meeting in village barred

NACARETH (Itim). - Police have refused the family of slain IDF soldier Moshe Tamam permission to hold a memorial meeting in the Wadi A'a village of Baka al-Gharbiya from which his alleged murderers came. Police say such a meeting would endanger public order.

The 19-year-old soldier was murdered in August 1984 on his way to Tiberias. His body was found some time later in an olive grove near Dotan in the West Bank.

Four men from Baka al-Gharbiya were arrested last March on suspicion of murdering Tamam.

The decision to bar the memorial meeting on Sunday at the house in which Tamam was believed to have been held prior to his murder was taken at the highest levels.

Rapist stalks N. Tel Aviv

By YORAM GAZIT

TEL AVIV. - A rape and an attempted rape of women who live alone in north Tel Aviv, the most recent just before dawn yesterday, bear a strong similarity to the violent attacks of last year for which a court here recently sentenced Yusef Mahajana to 21 years in jail.

In the early hours of yesterday, a 20-year-old university student living alone on Rehov Hayarkon woke to find a man armed with a knife standing over her bed. Holding the knife to her throat, he raped her and then robbed her of NIS 100, she later told the police.

The man had apparently reached

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improvement of Israeli-Egyptian relations. Peres said: "We, too, are interested in solving the Palestinian problem. I don't believe it's going to be a problem. We, together with the Egyptians and other countries, are ready to seek a solution to the problem through diplomatic means."

Peres told his interviewer that U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz had spoken to him after Wednesday's inner cabinet meeting. "He said to me: 'Let's sit down and see how we can push peace in the Middle East forward.' It depended on him," Peres said of Shultz, "he would like us all - everyone possible - to sit down together. What's in the way of this is not America. Every country has its own timetable, and its own schedule for meetings."

The successful conclusion of this week's Taba talks was marred in the early hours of yesterday when the

Rabbi and Mrs. Haskel Lookstein cordially invite all alumni, students and faculty in Israel or

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HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

Murphy: Taba only small step

Jerusalem Post Staff

WASHINGTON. - Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy was careful not to raise hopes of any renewal of the peace process in the Middle East during his testimony before a House of Representatives sub-committee yesterday.

But Murphy also said that he thought there would be little change of policy in Israel after the rotation of the premiership in October. The government, he said, would still be bound by the guidelines of the coalition agreement.

Murphy congratulated Israel and

Egypt on reaching agreement on arbitration of the Taba dispute, and said that he expected the agreement to be signed within a fortnight to three weeks, and that a summit between Premier Peres and President Mubarak would immediately follow the return of Egypt's ambassador to Tel Aviv.

But there was a lack of clarity about the next step, Murphy said.

Jordan's King Hussein was waiting for a new PLO leadership to emerge, or for some other credible Palestinian leadership to come forward. There were no signs of this

happening.

Murphy was questioned about The Jerusalem Post's Wolf Blitzer having been denied permission to join the press group covering Vice President George Bush's recent visit to Jordan.

Neither Blitzer nor The Post were mentioned by name, with Murphy explaining that the administration had made strenuous efforts to have an "American Jewish journalist" included in Bush's party. But Jordan, according to Murphy, had feared embarrassment if, at a press conference, it was said publicly that the

journalist represented an English-language newspaper published in Israel.

Murphy insisted that Blitzer had not been barred because he was a Jew.

The secretary also said that U.S. economic and defense aid to Israel would not grow in the next few years and might even be cut. For this reason, he said, the U.S. is examining the possibility of putting Israel on a parity with NATO countries as a supplier of military equipment to the U.S. Army.



Prime Minister Peres speaks to Ilana Friedman in front of his office yesterday. (Adam Tichelbaum)

E. Jerusalem papers allowed to reopen

By BARBARA AMOUYAL

Two East Jerusalem newspapers that were shut last Wednesday by the Interior Ministry are due to resume publication for the next 10 days, following an agreement reached yesterday in the High Court of Justice.

Interior Ministry Jerusalem district representative Rafi Levy agreed to postpone the closure order for the next 10 days in exchange for the petitioner's promise not to insist on an interim order at yesterday's hearing.

The High Court issued a show-cause order requiring Interior Ministry officials to justify the closure of the *Al-Mithaq* newspaper and the *Al-Ahd* magazine. The state has five days in which to submit its argument.

Supreme Court Deputy President Miriam Ben-Porat said that the court would decide whether to uphold the closures within the next 10 days. Following the court's decision, Ben-Porat said, the petitioners may then ask for an interim order in terms of which the publications could continue operating until the end of legal

proceedings against them.

Ben-Porat criticized the "hasty, ill-conceived" manner in which the two publications were closed. "Out of common courtesy and in the name of justice, the publications could have been notified in advance so that they could have applied to this court earlier," Ben-Porat told the Interior Ministry representative.

Levy informed the court that his ministry had warned the two publications of its intent to shut them last month. "These papers are operated and directed by the Popular Front

for the Liberation of Palestine," Levy asserted.

He added, "There are military and non-military methods of fighting terrorism. This closure order was a non-military means of ensuring state security."

Employees of the two publications yesterday staged a sit-down strike at the *Al-Mithaq* offices in East Jerusalem. *Al-Mithaq* publisher Mahmoud al-Khatib refused to comment on his initial court victory, saying the matter is *sub judice*.

Peres meets Nudel's sister

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Ilana Friedman, the sister of Prisoner of Zion Ida Nudel, ended her two-day vigil outside the premier's office last night after Prime Minister Peres assured her that the problems of Soviet Jews would be discussed with the Kremlin delegates at Helsinki.

After meeting with the premier, who came outside to talk with her, Friedman said, "The matter of Soviet Jewry has a central place in Israel's agenda to be discussed with the Soviets."

An Israeli delegation is to meet

with Soviet diplomats in Helsinki next week.

"I know that you are together with us in our struggle," Friedman told Peres, to which he responded, "I identify with your struggle...My door is always open to you."

Asked whether there would be a renewal of diplomatic ties with the Soviet Union without a change in Moscow's policy towards Soviet Jews, the premier responded: "No. There will be a change, but there needs to be a change in Soviet policies."

Pro-PLO editors deny link to leaflets attacking Shawwa

By JOEL GREENBERG

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A group of prominent pro-PLO journalists and personalities in the territories, including *Al Fajr* editor Hanna Siniora, yesterday strenuously denied any knowledge of leaflets attacking Gaza mayor Rashad Shawwa, and dissociated themselves from their contents.

Zayyad, editor of the Hebrew-language *Gesher* newspaper; deposed Hebron mayor Mustafa Natsh; Gaza publisher and writer Zahar al-Rayyes; and Gaza lawyer Fayez Abu Rahme.

The leaflets seized at the *Al Mawqef* press labeled Shawwa a Zionist-supported "agent," and called for unity to confront "the fifth column" bent on imposing Jordanian-Israeli policies on the territories. Shawwa has recently charged the PLO with imposing its positions on Palestinians in the areas.

The leaflets were seized in a security forces raid on an East Jerusalem press belonging to the Arab Council for Public Affairs, headed by the group.

The council, a data centre and "think tank," publishes the *Al Mawqef* newsletter. Its administrative board members include Siniora; Ziyad Abu

in a statement issued yesterday, the council board said its press had been leased out, and that the manager of the press and an employee had been arrested during the raid.

Siniora said the leaflets had been printed "without authorization," and apparently under threats. The two arrested men would probably be fired by the council, he added.

The council board's statement charges that attempts to implicate the council board in the publication of the leaflets were aimed at "sparking internal problems between Palestinians and ruining the reputation of a national institution."

Another Katyusha hits Galilee

A Katyusha rocket was fired at Galilee in the early hours of yesterday morning. No casualties or damage were caused.

After the explosion an IDF unit searched the area and found fragments of the 107mm. Katyusha, which appeared to have been fired from beyond the security zone in southern Lebanon.

This was the fourth such incident this week in Galilee. Apart from the kindling of thorn bushes and trees in some areas, no casualties or damage were incurred in any of the incidents. (Itim)

ITA Chairman David Harnik told The Jerusalem Post after the meeting that Yairiv Oren and Pinchas Goldstein, the respective heads of the Government Sports Authority and Knesset sports sub-committee had already offered to contribute to the cost of compensating the Swiss. Harnik added that the association would also request financial help from the Prime Minister's Office and the Foreign Ministry.



Traditional Tisha Be'Av prayers are read at the Western Wall yesterday. (Elihu Harazi)

Moslems to mark Eid al-Adha feast

Post Middle East Staff

Open-air markets in East Jerusalem and the West Bank drew throngs of last-minute shoppers yesterday stocking up on holiday items for the Moslem Id al-Adha feast of sacrifice, which begins today.

Merchants who erected stalls along the road to Bethlehem and around East Jerusalem's Damascus gate did brisk business in everything from vegetables to housewares and electronic supplies.

Moslems around the world will begin four days of public feasting and prayers, along with the ritual slaughter of lambs and cattle.

The annual Haj pilgrimage approached its climax as some 1.5 million pilgrims from around the world began at dawn yesterday a 25-kilometre trek to the slopes of Mount Arafat.

IN BRIEF

Bone Marrow donor

MOSCOW (Reuter). - Soviet authorities have promised to tell Inessa Flerov by the end of the week whether she and her family can emigrate to Israel.

Flerov is seeking to leave to donate bone marrow to her leukemia-stricken brother, Mikhail Shermish, who emigrated to Israel six years ago.

Bus driver attacked

TEL AVIV (Itim). - A 29-year-old Dan bus driver was attacked yesterday afternoon by a passenger whom he had refused to let off between bus stops.

After turning down the passenger's request, driver Yosef Elhalel halted the bus at the next stop and opened the door. The passenger then struck Elhalel and attacked him with a knife.

The passenger escaped, shattering a window as he fled.

Poisoned water

KFAR MALAL (Itim). - Ten people were taken to Meir Hospital in Kfar Sava yesterday for poisoning after insecticides got into the water system of this moshav.

The poisoning was apparently the result of insecticides that had been used in hothouses in the village several days ago. All those admitted to the hospital were released.

New district attorney

The cabinet on Sunday is expected to approve Justice Minister Avraham Shari's nomination of Yosef Ben-Or to head the Jerusalem District Attorney's office.

Ben-Or, a senior assistant in the state attorney's office in charge of criminal matters, would replace 55-year-old Asher Palgi, who announced his intent to resign last March.

Shmueli's replacement

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Education Ministry Director-General Eliezer Shmueli, who has been in his present position for the past 10 years, is to be succeeded on September 1 by Shimon Shoshani, the ministry announced yesterday.

Shmueli is to represent the ministry in the U.S. where he will be charged with fund-raising and liaison.

Shoshani is currently head of the Tel Aviv municipality's education department.

Five hurt in attack

ACRE (Itim). - Four men and a woman, all members of the Amar family, were wounded, one of them seriously, when a grenade was thrown at them as they sat in their garden here last night.

The family comes originally from the nearby Arab village of Makr. Police say they suspect criminal motives for the attack.

The World Family of The Youth and Hehalutz Department in Israel and abroad

mourns the untimely passing of the beloved Head of our Department

AVRAHAM KATZ

Zionist educator and leader

His coffin will arrive in Israel on Sunday, August 17, 1986, Av 12, 5746 and lie in state at Mt. Herzl at 10:00 a.m.

The funeral cortege will arrive at Beit Rishonim, Ness Ziona, at 12:00 p.m. and leave from there for the local cemetery.

Our heartfelt condolences to the Family

On the first yahrzeit of our beloved husband and father

Rabbi YITZCHOK LEIB HECHTMAN ז"ל

Executive Vice-President, Jewish Community Council, and Beit Din of Montreal, Canada

we shall unveil the tombstone and hold a memorial service on Sunday, August 17 (12 Av) at 9:30 a.m. at the Eretz Hahaim Cemetery, Beit Shמש.

A bus will leave for the ceremony from Geula, Macheil Yisrael Street, corner Yona (near Hoffman Tours) at 8:45 a.m.

The Hechtman-Osina-Tendler Family

On the first anniversary of the passing of our husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, brother

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Sydney - Bnei Brak

there will be a memorial service at the Segula Cemetery in Petah Tikva on Thursday, August 21, at 5:30 p.m. prompt.

Bus transport will leave at 4:45 p.m. from 50 Rehov Yohanan Ben Zakai, Bnei Brak.

The Bereaved Family

We regret to announce the death in Cape Town, South Africa, on August 11, 1986, Av 6, 5746, of

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'Netanya Gang' guilty

TEL AVIV (Itim). - Three men accused of a series of crimes planned and executed with the help of Jerusalem Betar soccer star Shlomo Shirazi were found guilty in the district court here Wednesday of conspiring to rob a roulette club. Two were also found guilty of the robbery with violence of an 88-year-old money-changer. Shirazi turned state's witness last year.

In the judgment handed down against Michael Shiritz, Yehuda Meltzer and Rami Maimon, all in their early 20s, the court noted that Shirazi had supplied the "Netanya Gang" with information and given them the use of his car for criminal purposes.

The court rejected the defence claim that the accused had never intended to rob the Givatayim roulette club, and that they had

merely been boasting to Shirazi about this.

Shiritz and Maimon were acquitted of plotting to rob Betar club chairman Moshe Dadash.

Maimon and Meltzer were found guilty of robbing the elderly money-changer, Jose Levinson, last year. The court noted that they had worn stockings over their faces when they fell upon the elderly man, and struggled with him at the door of his apartment before knocking him to the ground and stealing his money. Shirazi had told the police that the two had reported to him after the robbery and had given him his share of the loot.

Meltzer was also found guilty of stealing items from the changing room of the Betar club in Jerusalem. Sentence was deferred to next month.

Dekel suggests lack of faith in Peres

WASHINGTON. - Deputy Defence Minister Michael Dekel, currently visiting here, yesterday praised the trustworthiness of Defence Minister Rabin, saying: "His word is his bond." But asked by reporters whether the same applied to Prime Minister Peres, Dekel replied with what he said was a quote from Vice Premier Shamir: "Peres's word is not his bond."

Pressed as to whether Shamir had

the second-floor apartment by climbing a water pipe and entered the woman's bedroom through the balcony door.

A similar attempt at rape was made some three weeks ago, in the same area and also by a man armed with a knife. But that attempt was foiled when the woman told her attacker that she was suffering from cancer.

When the District Court here sentenced Mahajana, he told reporters: "I was the one who broke into the apartments where the women were raped, but I was not the rapist. You'll see more rape cases in north Tel Aviv, I promise you."

secretary of the Egyptian delegation, Maj. Muhammad Kamal, 34, suffered a heart attack and died.

Kamal was taken ill at the conference table in Herzliya's Daniel Hotel and died shortly after, despite the efforts of a Magen David Adom team to revive him.

His body was flown back to Egypt yesterday following a ceremony with full military honours at Ben-Gurion Airport.

Foreign Minister Shamir immediately phoned the delegation head to express Israel's sympathies.

Golan's big takeover

LONDON. - Israeli film magnates Menachem Golan and Yoram Globus, yesterday won government approval to take over Screen International, the largest cinema chain in Britain.

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represents some kind of movement.

Diplomats said the talks could also be placed in the broader context of Moscow's efforts to develop its role in the Middle East.

They said Soviet statements this week had been partly designed to reassure Russia's Arab allies that contacts with Israel on consular and property issues did not represent a shift in the Kremlin's stance on Middle Eastern issues.

Walter Ruby adds from New York: Menachem Berger, head of the Israel Bar Association, said yesterday that he had two "very important" meetings during the convention of the American Bar Association (ABA) here with Alexander Sukharev, president of the Association of Soviet Lawyers, and minister of justice in the Russian Republic. Berger said that the informal

meetings had taken place at Sukharev's initiative and that the Soviet official had expressed the hope that if delegations of Soviet citizens are able to visit Israel as a result of the Helsinki talks, the Soviet lawyers group would be the first to come.

Berger said he had asked Sukharev about anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union, and had been told that although anti-Semitism exists in Russia as in other countries, vandalizing of synagogues and Jewish cemeteries does not occur.

Berger said he had not pressed Sukharev on why the ASL had cooperated recently with the Soviet Anti-Zionist Committee in publishing a virulently anti-Semitic book.

Berger said he supported Morris Abram, chairman of the National Conference on Soviet Jewry, who has endorsed the agreement.

CORRECTION

The article on Bar-Kochba in today's *Weekend Magazine* is not based on an interview with Prof. Moshe Herr as the headline implies. It is based partially on a lecture given by Herr.

Pakistani police tear-gas crowds

Bhutto held, 4 killed

LAHORE, Pakistan. — Opposition leader Benazir Bhutto was arrested in Karachi yesterday after she led a protest march that was tear-gassed by riot police. In Lahore, police fired on charging anti-government demonstrators, killing at least four.

Bhutto, 33, was arrested at her Karachi home by senior police officers and taken to a local jail as her supporters watched. The supporters immediately warned they would start nationwide agitations to secure her release.

Police said she would be held for 30 days.

Bhutto said that about 1,000 supporters of the 11-party movement for the Restoration of Democracy were arrested yesterday in a swoop

to enforce a ban on political rallies. In Lahore, police armed with machine guns and rifles opened fire on crowds attacking a police station and burning vehicles. Police reinforcements in armoured cars moved in and also fired on the crowd, wounding at least two people.

Police repeatedly tear-gassed the demonstrators, who set fire to vehicles, blocked roads with burning debris, hurled rocks and bricks at police and attacked shops.

Screaming, "Death to Zia" and "Zia is a dog," crowds battled police in both Karachi and Lahore. They were protesting against the government of President Zia ul-Haq, who opposes holding national elections before their scheduled 1990 date.

The clashes on Pakistan's Independence Day followed the biggest crackdown on political dissent in Pakistan since martial law was lifted last December.

Bhutto's arrest came after she tried to lead about 7,000 supporters in an anti-government march from her Karachi home. The march was turned back after about one kilometre by police who fired warning shots and pelted the marchers with tear-gas.

Bhutto, who heads the Pakistan People's Party, had earlier addressed some 10,000 people at an opposition meeting as police fought activists. Two people at the rally died when a roof of a building they were standing in collapsed.

Black S. African leaders reject election plan

LUSAKA, Zambia. — The African National Congress (ANC), the main anti-apartheid guerrilla organization, yesterday rejected a South African government offer to organize elections among the black majority to find leaders willing to negotiate with the Pretoria authorities.

Making the offer on Wednesday, Constitutional Development and Planning Minister Chris Heunis told a congress of the ruling National Party in Durban that the elections would be to choose black representatives for a proposed advisory body, the National Council.

ANC spokesman Tom Seibana said the offer contained nothing new. "They are just playing around with concepts, saying in different forms the same things they have been saying since they started with the reforms."

Reforms introduced with great fanfare by Pretoria in recent months include abolition of the hated pass laws that controlled the movement of blacks and the ending of a ban on mixed marriages.

Yesterday in several black townships, thousands of students boycotted classes to protest against the presence of security troops on campuses in the most widespread unrest since the first week of the state of emergency two months ago.

Reports of violence yesterday

were more sporadic than on the day before, when students in Soweto roamed the streets, stoning and setting fire to vehicles.

The students are protesting against soldiers being on campuses, detention of students under the state of emergency and new requirements that they carry identity cards on school premises.

The Government Bureau for Information said more than half the unrest-related incidents reported Wednesday had occurred in Soweto, a township of about 1.5 million people south of Johannesburg. The government said 11 vehicles and two private homes were set on fire by students who streamed out of the schools after burning their identity cards.

In China, Premier Zhao Ziyang yesterday told Bishop Desmond Tutu that China supported his campaign against apartheid, Central Radio reported. Tutu ends a week-long visit to China today, and is due to leave for the U.S.

And at the conclusion of talks in Copenhagen, the foreign ministers of the five Nordic countries (Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Iceland and Finland), agreed to press for measures to bring an end to apartheid, with binding UN sanctions at the forefront. (Related story, page 4) (AP, Reuters)

U.S. Senate bans imports of South African textiles

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. Senate voted yesterday to add a ban on imported South African textiles to a list of punitive sanctions against that country's white-led government.

The textile ban, approved by a vote of 67-29, is one of dozens of amendments designed to strengthen the sanctions bill.

Textile imports became a symbol of that effort after the Reagan administration signed a new textile agreement with South Africa. The agreement came in the midst of controversies over apartheid and over the loss of U.S. textile industry jobs due to foreign imports.

Senator Richard Lugar contended that a ban on textiles would do nothing to weaken the apartheid system, but would cost the jobs of thousands of black textile workers.

But Senator Alan Cranston, sponsor of the textile amendment, said the ban on textile imports was a necessary step toward forcing Pretoria to dismantle its racial segregation policy.

The Republican-controlled Senate signalled its overwhelming support for at least some form of sanctions when it voted 89-11 Wednesday to end debate on the sanctions legislation. The vote for a textile ban underscored that point.

Lebanese with grenades arrested in Cyprus

LARNACA (AP). — A young Lebanese carrying a suitcase containing 18 grenades and a loaded pistol equipped with a silencer was arrested yesterday as he was moving house, police announced.

A statement identified the

arrested man as Amin Suleiman Amin Zarul, 25.

He later appeared before magistrates in a Larnaca court and was ordered held in police custody until Aug. 22 while investigations are carried out.

FOREIGN NEWS IN BRIEF

Nancy Reagan's maid charged in arms deal

WASHINGTON (AP). — Mrs. Nancy Reagan's personal maid was put on leave last week after she was charged with aiding and abetting the illegal exportation of munitions, the White House announced Wednesday.

White House spokesman Larry Speakes said that Anita Castelo, 45, was put on administrative leave August 7 after the White House was informed by law enforcement agencies that she had been charged by complaint in the U.S. district court in Richmond, Virginia.

Gandhi opposes job quotas for women

NEW DELHI (AP). — Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi said Wednesday that women are the most disadvantaged people in India, but he rejected equal opportunity job quotas for women, calling the measures "demeaning."

The Indian government has set aside school and job quotas for economically and socially disadvantaged members of the lower castes. Equal opportunity is considered a fundamental of social justice for men and is legislated.

Wales urges pressure to speed up reforms

WARSAW (Reuters). — Solidarity leader Lech Walesa called on supporters of his banned, free, trade union yesterday to pressure Poland's Communist authorities to implement democratic reforms faster.

Walesa issued a statement on the sixth anniversary of the strike in the Baltic port of Gdansk that led to the creation of Solidarity, the only independent trade union in the Soviet bloc. It was suppressed under martial law in December 1981, 16 months later.

Would-be Soviet emigres sue government official

MOSCOW (Reuters). — A group of Soviet citizens seeking to join their families abroad sued a government official yesterday for refusing to pass on their request to see Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev, a group member said.

Vladimir Pimonov told Reuters they went last week to a state notary office, which deals with official applications, and handed in a note asking Gorbachev to help them be reunited with their spouses and children.

The office's deputy head, Rimma Zimina, turned down their request to pass on the message two days ago, Pimonov said.



HATE: Youth from the Irish Republic scream at Loyalist supporters of Ulster MP Peter Robinson, who appeared in court in Dundalk (Irish Republic) yesterday. The youth in the centre suffered a head wound in a clash with the Loyalists. (Reuters telephoto)

Irish police arrest seven during MP's court hearing

DUNDALK, Ireland (AFP). — Seven persons were arrested here yesterday following scuffles between Protestants and Catholics during a court hearing for Peter Robinson, a Protestant hardliner. He was charged in connection with a raid last week by Northern Ireland Protestants on a police station in the Irish Republic, police said.

They added that all those arrested for disrupting public order were Republicans.

Robinson, a member of Britain's Parliament who is second in command in Northern Ireland's Democratic Unionist Party (DUP), is accused of having attacked two policemen and damaged a police car during the raid in nearby Clontarf, just inside the Irish border.

Shouting demonstrators protest against Berlin Wall

BERLIN (AP). — Two groups of shouting demonstrators marched from West Berlin onto East German territory to protest against the Berlin Wall on its 25th anniversary, West Berlin police said yesterday.

Both protests came last Wednesday night at the end of day-long commemorations for the grey, concrete barrier dividing the city.

The demonstrators did not cross the Wall into East Berlin, but rather remained on the strip of land on the western side that belongs to East Germany, a West Berlin police spokesman said.

In the first incident, about 30 people staged a protest near theCheckpoint Charlie border crossing, where some walked onto East Ger-

man territory, but were pushed back by East German border guards. There were no serious clashes, but several of the protesters began throwing rocks, beer bottles and firecrackers, the police spokesman said.

In the second protest, about 25 people marched with large burning flares to the Bernauer Strasse, which became famous when East Berliners jumped out of buildings there to escape to the West shortly after the wall was built in August, 1961.

Meanwhile, East Germany's state-controlled newspapers prominently featured stories and photographs of the East Berlin rally and military parade marking the wall's 25th anniversary.

2 senior Party leaders expelled for Chernobyl

MOSCOW (AFP). — Two senior officials held partly responsible for the April 26 accident at the Chernobyl nuclear power plant have been expelled from the Communist Party

for negligence, and another four have been reprimanded, Tass reported here yesterday.

The news agency identified the officials expelled from the party as G. Veretennikov, director of an enterprise under the Energy Ministry, and E. Kulikov, department head at the Ministry of Medium-machine building.

WARNING. — Britain has warned the Soviet Union that a recent Soviet-Argentine agreement on fishing rights in the South Atlantic will be invalid if it seeks to regulate fishing around the Falkland Islands.

Beirut car-bombing kills 20, hurts 100

BEIRUT. — Twenty persons were killed and at least 100 wounded yesterday when a car bomb exploded in a Christian Quarter of northern Beirut, police said.

They said a blue Mercedes, packed with an estimated 100 kilograms of explosives, blew up mid-morning in the populous Dora quarter on the city's northern perimeter.

In a separate incident, French UNifil troops came under rocket and automatic fire in Tyre Wednesday night, but there were no casualties. UNifil spokesman Timor Goksel said yesterday. He said the attackers were later arrested by Shi'ite Amal militia and Lebanese Army units.

The Beirut car blast heavily damaged nine buildings, one of which burned to the ground in a subsequent fire. Some 30 stores and dozens of cars were also damaged.

Security men covered their faces with handkerchiefs as they tried to get through choking fumes to find casualties, but the heat and thick smoke kept people away for several minutes. One militiaman, visibly shaken and holding his head, stumbled out of the smoke while a young woman, her arm oozing blood from a flying glass, wailed in distress.

The Mercedes had been parked about 100 metres from St. Joseph's Hospital, where Fouad Abu Nader, former chief of Christian Lebanese Forces, had been hospitalized since Monday with injuries suffered in an ambush by rival Christians.

Yesterday's bombing, the ninth bombing in Beirut's Christian sec-

tors this year, came as the bloody feuds continued within the Christian community. But police said there was no evidence that the attack was linked to the inter-Christian struggle.

The attack coincided with a politico meeting of the Phalangists, who were to have handled security in East Beirut in the wake of recent clashes that killed six and wounded 26, a party statement said.

The brief statement issued after the meeting said the Lebanese Forces executive committee had been directed to take "adequate measures" to restore order to the stricken areas.

Abu Nader, the nephew of Pres. Amin Jemayel, who has been linked to the clashes earlier in the week, called for a "closing of ranks to counter those who are trying to exploit the difficult circumstances that have befallen the Christian camp."

Immediately after the car-bombing, limited clashes broke out at several points along the demarcation line between East and West Beirut, as well as in the predominantly Christian eastern sector.

Loyalist troops staged a counter-attack in East Beirut and crushed a rebel faction within the Lebanese Forces, according to police.

They said a local commander who staged the revolt on Sunday laid down arms and surrendered himself to the leadership of President Jemayel's Phalange Party at midday yesterday. (AFP, AP)

Iraqi fighters strike 'large' target in Gulf

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP). — Iraq said its jet fighters yesterday raided a "large maritime target" off the Iranian coast in apparent reference to an attack on an oil tanker near Iran's vital Kharg Island oil terminal in the northeastern reaches of the Persian Gulf.

An Iraqi military spokesman, broadcasting a statement on the state-run Baghdad Radio, said the warplanes dealt an "accurate and effective blow" to the target before dawn, and returned unharmed to their base.

The statement, monitored in Bahrain, was identical to the scores that Iraq has announced since it clamped an air and sea blockade on shipping lanes around Kharg in February 1984, with the avowed purpose of impeding Iranian oil exports and pressuring the Tehran regime to accept peace.

On Tuesday, Iraq introduced a new phase in the nearly 6-year-old Gulf War by sending its sophisticated French-built Mirage F-1 fighter-bombers to raid Iran's Sirri Island floating make-shift terminal

560 kilometres south of Kharg. The Iraqis reportedly flew their warplanes 1,000km. to carry out the surprise raid on Sirri. It was the first time they extended the range of their blockade on Iranian oil shipping routes that far.

Meanwhile, sixteen crewmen on an Iranian-owned supertanker were killed in Tuesday's Iraqi raid. The death toll, which emerged as first survivors were brought to hospitals in the United Arab Emirates, was the highest in a single strike on shipping during the conflict.

At the same time, shipping sources in the Gulf said Iran was resuming oil loading operations yesterday, shifting the site at least temporarily several kilometres northeast of Sirri and closer to its coastline defences.

Last night, Iraq said its anti-aircraft batteries shot down two Iranian F-5 warplanes that attempted to raid residential areas in the northern province of Suleimaniya. Citing an unidentified military spokesman, Baghdad Radio said that the aircraft were downed inside Iraqi territory.

Arafat wants W. Bank put under UN mandate

KUWAIT (Reuters). — PLO leader Yasser Arafat has mapped out a proposal seeking to put the West Bank and the Gaza Strip under a UN mandate, a Kuwaiti newspaper said yesterday.

The daily Al-Wakeel said Arafat had asked Egypt to win approval for the plan by Jordan and other Arab parties as well as by the five permanent members of the UN Security Council.

The newspaper, which quoted

Palestinian officials in Cairo for the report, said Arafat was due to visit Egypt soon and would submit his plan to next month's non-aligned summit conference in Harare, Zimbabwe.

CAR BOMB. — A car bomb exploded yesterday morning in Bilbao in the Spanish Basque country, slightly injuring two policemen and a passerby, police said.

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challenge and raise the banner of freedom for Soviet Jews.

The inspiration for this struggle was always Israel – not always because of an activist policy by the Israeli government, but rather because of Israel's very existence and the message it carries for Jewish identity worldwide.

In the West, two approaches compete with each other in regard to dealing with Soviet repression of Jews.



The first approach is to strengthen cultural and economic ties with the Soviet Union in the hope that such ties will lead to greater Soviet flexibility on human rights issues. This hope is based on a naïveté that ignores the real danger the Soviet system sees in freedom of emigration and the efforts it is willing to make to avoid the granting of such freedom.

The second approach demands that any concessions to the Soviet Union be linked to progress on human rights. The Jackson Amendment led to the signing of the Helsinki Accords, which established the principle of linkage in an international agreement. Testimony to the importance of linkage as a weapon against Soviet repression is provided by the constant Soviet machinations to undermine that linkage, to free themselves of the obligation to honor human rights as a *quid pro quo* for economic and strategic gains.

Linkage: The key to aliya from USSR

WE ARE witness today to a major Soviet propaganda attack against linkage. The current Soviet leadership is more capable of successfully mounting such an attack than its predecessors. The former leading ideologist of the Kremlin, Boris Ponomarev, a Stalinist party apparatchik, was replaced by Anatoly Dobrynin, who had spent the previous 24 years in Washington. It is he who now shapes the image the Soviet Union presents to the West. Soviet strategy is to polish the veneer of the Russian leadership without significantly altering the essence of its policies.

Each of these two approaches – the approach of granting concessions unconditionally in the hope of engendering reciprocity and the approach of linkage, making concessions conditional on real changes in Soviet policy – has its champions in the West. In Bern, a few months ago, Western European countries proposed a resolution that would have excluded Soviet Jews wishing to reunite with their families in Israel from the human rights clause of the Helsinki Accords. Only American opposition defeated this proposal.

Many holders of high political office in the West remain convinced that the principle of linkage must be maintained. This feeling is reinforced by the conviction that trust must be based on the fulfillment of previous obligations, obligations that include Soviet undertakings to improve Soviet policy on human rights.

THIS AUTUMN, a new conference of the 35 signatories of the Helsinki Accords will be convened in Vienna. Later this year an American-Soviet summit will probably take place in Washington. Which approach will

prevail?

To a large extent, the answer to that question lies with Israel.

At this decisive moment in East-West relations, the leadership of the Soviet Union has suddenly recalled that it has Church property in the Holy Land and has proposed an exchange of consular delegations.

What will be Israel's reaction? Will Israel link relations to free emigration of all Soviet Jews, or will it adopt the other approach – moving first toward normal relations in the naive hope that this will create conditions for a solution to the problem of Soviet Jewry?

Western governments, even the most friendly, look to Israel for guidance on policy vis-à-vis the issue of Russian Jewry. None will be more adamant than Israel in defence of Jewish rights.



IF ISRAEL betrays the principle of linkage, it will have dealt a mortal blow to the position of Israel's champions in the free world who have battled for two decades to establish that principle.

Israel must insist on a linkage between any progress on consular relations and the freedom of all of those three million Russian Jews

who desire to do so to emigrate. At the Helsinki meeting, Israel must insist on Russian recognition of the right to emigrate as a precondition to further negotiations on improved relations.

If the negotiations on other issues proceed despite Soviet refusal to agree to this right of free Jewish emigration, the USSR will have succeeded (or more correctly, Israel will have allowed it to succeed) in establishing itself as the party less interested in the renewed ties. It will have relegated Israel's talk of Jewish emigration to the status of mere lip-service. This is the tradition of Soviet diplomacy: "Listen. Ignore. Proceed to issues of Soviet interest."

Discussions that continue despite a Soviet refusal to recognize demands for linkage will themselves be a victory for Soviet diplomacy.

Israel's position on Soviet Jewish freedom must be unrelenting and public. No room can be left for the claim that Israeli representatives adopted a more compromising tone in private discussions than in public forums. This claim will be spread and exploited by the Soviet propaganda machine to diminish Israel's moral stature.

THE PRISON camp is a simple yet surprisingly apt model of the Soviet system. A prisoner who presents a moral example of defiance and self-respect that other prisoners may choose to emulate is a threat to the prison system.

One method used to counter this threat is for the KGB to call him in for hours of private talks on trifling matters. They then spread rumours that in these private sessions he made concessions to the KGB in order to gain personal benefits. The rumours, of course, may have no basis in fact; but the credibility of the

moral individual is broken. Soviet prison "culture" provides another example of what Israel must avoid in its contacts with the Soviet Union. This is what may be called the "menu 9A syndrome."

The Soviet prison system uses the curtailment of calorie intake in the prisoner's diet as a punishment for disobedience, and supplements the prisoner's diet as a reward. There are 18 levels of diet in Soviet prisons, ranging from 1A to 9B. Even the "best" diet in Soviet prisons is far worse than what the prisoner has eaten before he was incarcerated. Yet, after weeks and months of gruelling starvation, a disobedient prisoner is frequently tempted to cave in to the demands of his jailers on the promise that his menu will be improved from the lowest, near-starvation standard – 9B – to a menu



only slightly better – 9A. Lowered expectations make it seem that a slight easing of pressure or a milder form of torture are a major Soviet concession.

FOUR HUNDRED thousand of our brothers have expressed their hopes to leave the Soviet Union. That they be allowed to do so is both natural and just. Let us not allow

prolonged Soviet intransigence and barbarity to convince us that the release of a few prominent activists, though important and one of the aims of our struggle, is a major concession, that an increase of monthly emigration from 30 to 300 is a major step forward.

As a former Prisoner of Zion I know that during my imprisonment, though profoundly longing for my freedom and the chance to be reunited with my wife Avital, I was not willing to gain that freedom at the price of crippling the struggle for the freedom of others.

I am certain that my colleagues in the Soviet Union feel likewise. "Menu 9A" is not a recipe for real dialogue and understanding. It is a tactic of torture. We must not be fooled.

A GALUT inferiority complex (or *shetl kop*, as it was called by my neighbour – an *olah hadasha* from North America) makes us feel delighted when the most totalitarian, repressive and bloodthirsty regime on the face of the globe summons us to negotiate with its representatives. Our happiness makes us feel that we'd better not upset the applecart.

In response to Moscow's "generous proposals," we are tempted to lower our demands and limit them to an insistence on "symmetry and mutuality." This demand is an affront to our moral sense, unless the symmetry begins at an equal and acceptable status and not from "menu 9B."

Our jails hold no Soviet prisoners of conscience who have been imprisoned for expressing Soviet ideology; we must therefore insist that the Soviets release all Prisoners of Zion.

We have not prevented thousands of Soviet families from being united with their kinsmen in the Soviet

Union; we must insist, therefore, that Soviet Jewish families, some of whom have been separated for more than 15 years, be reunited in Israel.

We do not hold even one person who wishes to emigrate to the USSR as hostage in our discussions with the Russians; we must therefore insist that any of the three million Jews in the Soviet Union who wish to come to Israel be allowed to do so. This is the only symmetry that holds any meaning. This symmetry must be a condition of any future talks.



INSISTENCE on this symmetry is a moral imperative and a defence of the principles on which the State of Israel was established.

Those Jews studying Hebrew and Tora, and those demanding to come to Israel in defiance of the regime of repression, are an example of Zionism in its purest form. A proud and determined Israeli stance in defence of Zionist principles will serve as an inspiration to them and will allow them to see the State of Israel in its true role – as the foremost champion of Zionism and Jewish rights in the world today.

Massive Soviet aliya after 1967 began after Israel "insulted" the Soviet Union by daring to defend its right to exist. The aliya of the Jews of Russia and the struggle for the existence of the State of Israel are intertwined. It is one struggle. And it continues.

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Award for saving Unifil man's life

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

HAIFA. – Unifil presented a citation of appreciation this week to two Nahariya sisters who saved the life of a staff member, Allan Melroy.

In a ceremony at the UN club in Nahariya on Wednesday evening, John Amos of the UN Interim Forces in Lebanon presented the Magen David Adom citation to volunteers Gila and Dorit Yahalom, in appreciation of their "alert action and quick response" which kept Melroy alive after a heart attack in April until an MDA intensive-care team arrived.

Melroy, 50, from Greenock, Scotland, has been with Unifil for six years. He and his wife occupy a flat below the Yahalomis, and when he suffered the attack, "I called the two girls because I knew they worked with the Magen David Adom," Mrs. Melroy told *The Jerusalem Post*.

"When we came down he was sitting in an armchair, quite blue and with no pulse, an obvious heart case," the sisters related. "We laid him on the floor and gave mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and heart massage until the MDA emergency crew arrived six minutes later." Despite the severity of the attack, Melroy recovered completely and has already returned to work.

Dorit, 21, served as a medic in the army, and both sisters had taken MDA first-aid courses.

It looked as if the Arab day labourers from outside Jerusalem's Damascus Gate had suddenly moved to one of downtown Tel Aviv's most exclusive neighbourhoods, changed their ragged pants and worn-out shoes for Lacoste T-shirts, tennis shorts and sneakers, and had all grown at least 25 centimetres.

After all, it was not much different from the day-labourer's market.

Dozens of journeymen basketball players looking for teams, their lawyers bargaining with managers, their brothers or wives or friends negotiating with lawyers, filled the sidewalks outside the basketball federation office across the street from the Mann Auditorium.

La Scala, a restaurant downstairs from the federation, was as sweet as Yiddish when there's a derby. At one table sat the management of Betar Jerusalem, a basketball team that has never managed to get past the cellar of the national

By PETER PRINGLE

WASHINGTON. – Some leaders of the religious right in the U.S. are openly praying for the deaths of certain judicial and political officials.

This ugly form of religious intolerance is one of several that has emerged during the first half of this congressional election year. Candidates have been interrogated by the religious right about their political views, and more candidates than before are claiming they have divine endorsement.

The Republican Party is the most affected, and the intolerance marks "the most widespread religious right effort yet to take control of the Republican Party," according to People for the American Way, a constitutional liberties group.

A recurring figure in the religious right's activities is Pat Robertson, the television evangelist, who, it is widely

The pray-for-death movement

assumed, will run for the presidency in 1988.

Robertson said recently he was pleased "the wonderful process of the mortality tables" will soon change the composition of the Supreme Court, a reference to the fact that a number of the justices are very old, and, if President Reagan has his way, are likely to be replaced, when they die or retire, by men or women with more conservative views.

The pray-for-death movement includes fundamentalist preachers like the Rev. Joe Morecraft, who is a Republican congressional nominee for a Georgia district. He has said he prays to God to remove "in any way he sees fit" Supreme Court justices who support abortion. Another



Pat Robertson

preacher, the Rev. Robert Hymers, of Los Angeles, hired an airplane to carry a banner saying "Pray for Death: Baby-Killer Brennan" as Supreme Court Justice William Brennan, who voted in 1973 with the majority to legalize most abortions, was visiting a local university.

A group called Americans for Biblical Government, based in Maryland, urged in a newsletter that members offer prayers "for the Supreme Court – that either their minds be changed or that God would remove them and replace them with men who fear Him."

The Rev. Greg Dixon, pastor of an 8,000-member church in Indiana, has a "prayer list" of public officials condemned by his "Court of

Divine Justice" which prays for the death of public officials he believes have violated religious liberty.

In a new report on religious intolerance, the People for the American Way warn that these preachers are "using the same inflammatory rhetoric" heard before the outbreak of bombings at abortion clinics. The groups say the preachers "run the risk of inciting an unbalanced follower to attempt to do what they think is God's will by trying to kill a public official with whom they disagree."

The group concludes: "On a practical level, this fact of religious intolerance has potentially long-term implications for the Republican Party and the American political system; the religious right has become institutionalized as a special interest group within the party."

(Observer News Service)

A new image for teachers

By LEA LEVAVI

The Histadrut Teachers Union, usually associated in the public mind with pay demands and school strikes, has launched a campaign to change its public image by highlighting the pedagogical side of its work, and in particular its publishing company, known as Teacher's Treasury.

The union has been publishing books since before the establishment of the state, said Teacher's Treasury director Pinhas Chagin, but has never advertised publicly.

Its catalogue contains 185 titles. "We are concerned with giving teachers high quality material rather than quantity," Chagin said, "and particularly material which will help them deal with pupils needing special attention."

One book appearing this year deals with new ways to teach mathematics, in mixed-level classes. Another discusses the integration of children with behavioural problems into regular junior high school classes. "Junior highs have done less in this area than elementary schools and tend to shunt off these kids into special education," Chagin said.

Chagin is especially proud of the yearbook of school psychology and counselling, now appearing for its third year which includes articles on teenage suicide and drug abuse as well as pedagogical subjects.

even with all the bargaining, in the end he'd be left without a team.

While his brother worked the crowd, the player talked with a friend about footballer Zahi Arneli's move from Maccabi Haifa to Hapoel Tel Aviv. Arneli, who was paid \$90,000 last year to play for Haifa, didn't have to sit on the concrete and plaster steps of a shop in the heat of Tel Aviv's August, waiting for his brother to make his deal.

But that didn't matter. What mattered was being on a team and hoping that this year one of the Tel Aviv teams would notice you and next year, maybe you'd be signed-up before the last day. Then maybe the year after that, if your knees held out, you'd get to play alongside one of the stars and maybe, just maybe, the year after that, you too, would be a star in Tel Aviv, and like Mickey Berkowitz on Dizengoff, be stared at by the kids as you walk along in your beach shorts, T-shirt and sneakers.

Pretoria's policy of defiance

pressured by foreign interference into accelerating its reform plans. He stressed that the principle of residential segregation by race is not negotiable.

He told the closing session of the conference that he would not countenance any change in the principle that people of various race groups could not own property in areas set aside for another race group.

In an opening speech, Botha hinted at reform plans to give blacks more governing powers in their own areas, including the possible crea-

tion of autonomous "city states" for black conglomerations on the fringes of the country's cities.

Most significantly, he said general elections or a referendum could be held "sooner than anyone thinks" for both whites and blacks, to test reaction to the reform plans.

Such elections would be the first real test of black support for the plan – a considerable risk for the government, analysts believe.

Later, Constitutional Development and Planning Minister Chris Heunis offered to help black communities organize a poll to elect

black representatives to a multi-racial national council to advise the government on a new constitution.

The government, battling to find credible black leaders to serve on the council, appeared to have taken a step towards a limited experiment in black democracy. Previously, it had said black representatives would be nominated.

But a dominant theme of the congress was the maintenance of "group identity," a South African euphemism for the separation of the races, particularly in living areas, schools and voting structures at all levels.

Jump shots for sale

to be looking for a place to pull over so that he could join the line.

"Players, players are for sale," somebody shouted back.

Betar Jerusalem have decided to pull out of the league this year. They still owe their players money. The players want to play, but without the manager's signature on a release form, they can't join another team.

"You owe me \$4,400," a player told one of Betar's managers.

"We'll settle for \$2,000," said the manager, fanning himself with a sheaf of paper and drinking round after round of soda water with sliced lemon.

The player was trapped and he knew it. His lawyer looked down at his own sheaf of papers and the player looked at his lawyer, and then across the crowded room to another



Robert Rosenberg

booth, where the manager of another team was talking to another player.

If he wasn't signed up with the new team by 12:30, his career would be suddenly and unhappily over, at least for a year. And he was still young enough to dream about drawing the attention of Tel Aviv Maccabi.

At a table across the restaurant, he could see the manager patting the other player on the back. Maybe that guy can make better hook shots or

jump shots or layups than me, the player thinks. One could see him thinking it. He looked at his watch.

It was 11:25. He still had to negotiate with the new team, if by the time he could get out of his contract with Betar the new team would still want him.

"Okay," he said, "okay, I'll take it." The Betar manager, an owner of a small business and a bank clerk who took a day off from work, smiled at each other. While the bank clerk, who volunteers as Betar's treasurer, filled out the forms that gave the player his \$2,000 and, more importantly, the release, the other man ordered another round of soda water.

"You want something to drink?" he asked the player. But the player was already up from his seat, tower-

ing over the table of clerks and businessmen, with their attache cases and sheafs of paper.

"No thanks," said the player, as he began to move through the crowd towards the other booth, trying to catch the manager's eye.

Outside, the sun was bearing down as hard as a strong guard playing man-to-man defence. Tall men stood on the street and looked down at by-standers trying to make their way along the sidewalk.

A young, lanky man in shorts and a T-shirt sat on the stoop of the small printing shop next door to the restaurant. His brother, a businessman, was acting as his agent, trying to make a deal that would free the player from a second-league team.

The money involved is less than the \$2,000 Betar paid a few minutes before. But the businessman was a businessman, and it's a matter of principle to do well for his brother, who was beginning to worry that

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Why the A-G became tight-lipped

Attorney-General Yosef Harish is naturally communicative and genial. But these traits exposed him to harsh criticism in his first weeks in office, 'the roughest moments' of his life. The Post's Barbara Amouyal reports.

A LITTLE over two months ago, when Yosef Harish replaced Professor Yitzhak Zamir at the attorney-general's second-floor office on Rehov Salah E-Din in East Jerusalem, the 62-year-old former district court judge found himself in a very uncomfortable position. The rushed, some said, shameful, removal of the much-loved Zamir and the controversial GSS presidential pardon affair threatened complete demoralization in the Justice Ministry.

But Harish, who had been relegated to the sidelines for most of his 36 years of public service, seemed under a compulsion to expound his views to virtually anyone who sought him. According to those close to him, the new attorney-general revealed in his unaccustomed celebrity.

His flirtation with the media did not last long, however. A week in office, and Harish found himself attacked on all fronts. The Hebrew press, his most vocal and harshest critic, called him variously a government rubber stamp and a fool.

A number of MKs, law professors and members of the Bar joined in the attack and called for the new A-G to resign, and return to the judge's bench.

Today, after enduring what he admitted were "the hardest, roughest moments of my, and my family's, life," Harish has embarked on self-imposed isolation.

At work, all phone calls must be screened through the Justice Ministry spokeswoman and one or two private secretaries. At home, his wife Yehudit, who in the early days was so receptive to calls at their Tel Aviv home, fights a defensive battle in which all the intruders are put off politely but firmly.

Those who know the genial, talkative jurist and his wife realize that this new closed-mouth approach in dealing with critics is a tiring, challenging ordeal.

"I'M DAMNED if I do and damned if I don't," Harish told *The Jerusalem Post* this week. It was his first on-the-record interview since the fateful meeting of the cabinet when four GSS executives decided to ask President Chaim Herzog to pardon them for their involvement in the killing of two terrorists in the bus number 300 hijacking.

"I've decided to keep my mouth shut and let the speculators speculate and the critics criticize," said Harish.

Even after last week's High Court decision upholding the president's right to pardon "offenders" before conviction — a stand which Harish took in direct opposition to former attorney-general Zamir's earlier ruling on the subject — Harish kept mum. The two-against-one High Court decision was a victory for him personally as well as a boost for the general standing of his office, yet Harish, under great strain, refused to comment on the barrage of questions put to him in the days following publication of the High Court judgment.

This week, a rather relaxed attorney-general told *The Post* that he was "more than pleased" at the High Court's decision. According to him, the court could not have ruled otherwise. As far as Justice Aharon Barak's harsh rejection of the presidential right to pardon offenders before conviction, Harish said, "I respect the man as a great jurist and as one of the better attorneys-general, but I'd prefer to accept Meir Shamgar's and Miriam Ben-Porat's ruling."

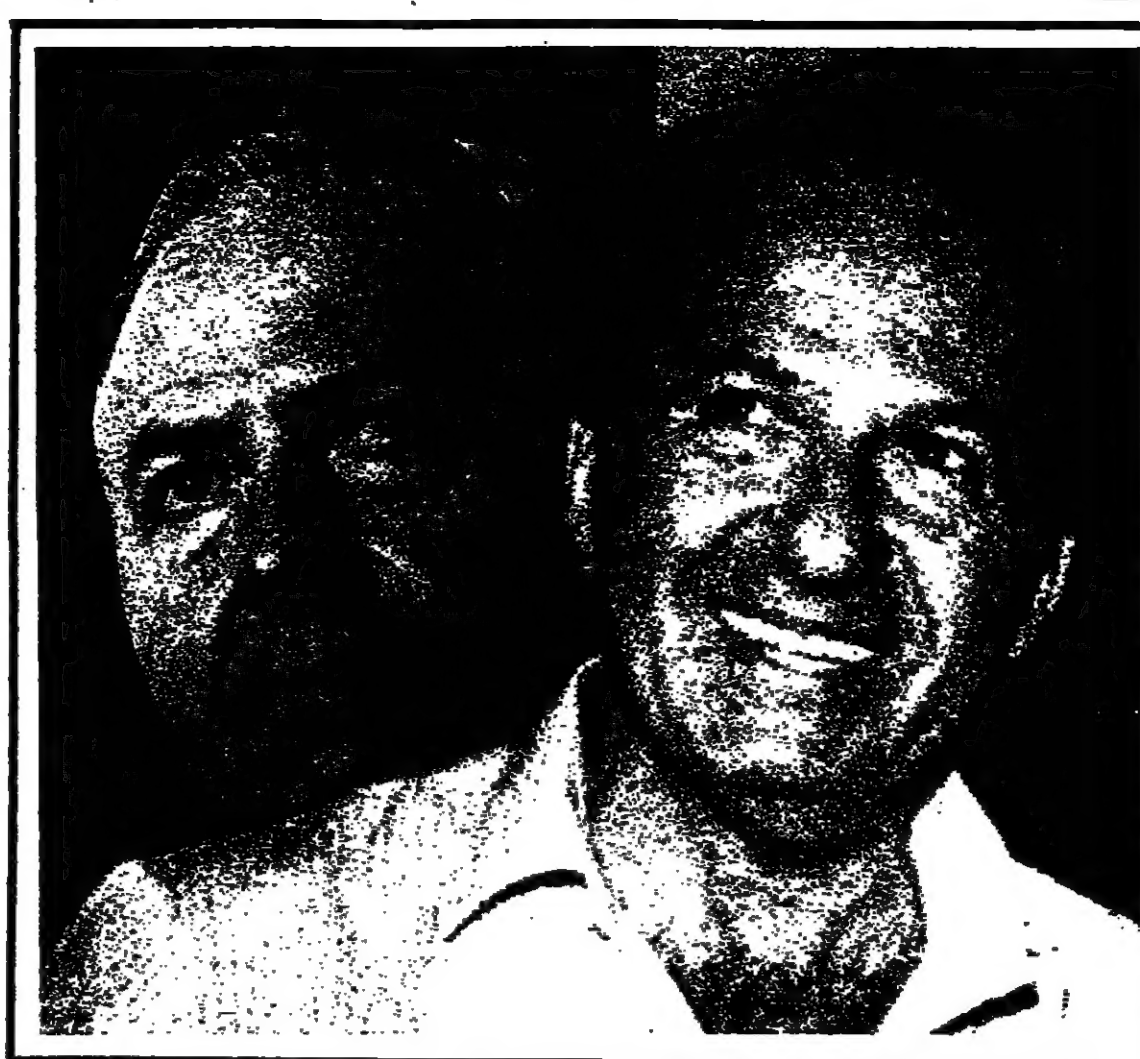
Harish does not foresee a rehearing in front of an expanded five-judge panel. Petitioners Yitzhak Barzilai, Moshe Meroz and David Yiftah, who had indicated their intention to ask Supreme Court President Meir Shamgar for a rehearing, are disqualified, said Harish, as they rescinded their petitions during the last High Court hearing on the GSS affair.

HARISH REFERS repeatedly to the blue-bound judgment during our hour-long conversation.

"I had pressed for an investigation into the killings and the cover-up from the very beginning," he asserted. "Here on page five, there's a direct quote from the president explaining his decision to pardon the GSS men. He says that he decided to pardon the GSS men in light of the attorney-general's unequivocal call for a police investigation."

"If I wouldn't have taken such a concrete stand (on the police probe), then there would have been no need to pardon these men," said Harish.

Harish admitted, however, that he had preferred a commission of inquiry. "Even today, I can tell you a police probe was not my first choice," he said, but "I decided to opt for the police probe when I realized that any judicial attempt to



investigate the affair would not win government approval."

What was the point of the police probe into the bus killings and the subsequent cover-up?

"The political echelon, of course," he replied.

When Police Inspector-General David Kraus concludes his investigation into the GSS affair, all the material will be passed on to Harish, who will decide whether to waive prosecution or recommend that charges be filed.

According to sources close to Harish, it is very unlikely, in view of the four pardons and the seven pardon requests by GSS men, that the attorney-general will insist on bringing charges against lower-level operatives who had been following orders that day in April 1984 at Dir El-Balah.

"Of course he will study each case individually," said one source, but it's very unlikely that he would, in good conscience, let lower-level GSS men be taken to court."

OF THE three GSS "dissidents" who went to the then attorney-general with complaints of corruption within the service, sources close to Harish said that Reuven Hazak, who was the deputy head of the GSS, knew about the killings and the

attempted cover-up well in advance and faces the possibility of criminal proceedings. The other two, however, are not considered suspect and have nothing to fear from the police probe.

Sources close to the attorney-general expect that Hazak, like his ex-chief Avraham Shalom and the other three senior executives, may in the end ask for a pardon. If he doesn't on the principle that this would mean admitting to an offense, Harish will determine whether or not to waive charges against him.

"It's really too early to anticipate what investigative material the police will give me and what course of action I'll take regarding Hazak or others," he said. "I expect, however, that more pardon requests will be filed — and perhaps Hazak will be one of them."

Did the attorney-general agree with Justice Aharon Barak that presidential pardons have become an integral part of the judicial system of appeals? "Not at all," he replied. "Every pardon is given individually, there is no such thing in this affair as collective amnesty."

Should the Basic Law: The President be made more specific to define who exactly comes under the broad term "offenders"?

"As far as I'm concerned Section 11 (b) of the Basic Law is crystal clear."

HARISH — "a warm, understanding man who obviously cares what others think about him," according to Moshe Shaul, the office manager who has served under six attorneys-general since 1961 — said that he tries not to take public criticism of him too personally.

Harish, an avid linguist, told *The Post*: "I was never experienced in rhetoric, but I imagine I'll soon have to learn this very essential politician's art."

He has noticed a slight thaw in the chilly attitudes of senior prosecutors working under him at the ministry. "I've heard that the people here are beginning to accept me, but I must say that dislike towards me — or like for that matter — has never expressed itself directly."

The new attorney-general hopes that those that were quick to scorn him in the early days will "begin to realize that I'll be around for a long while." He insists that those who show even the slightest attempt to cooperate with him will receive his full cooperation in return.

"I'm not the type of person who can harbour grudges or work in a frozen, tension-filled environment,"

Justice Ministry sails on calm seas, but lacks destination

SINCE Yitzhak Moda'i left the Justice Ministry just over three weeks ago, senior prosecutors and ministry staff seem to be getting a lot more work done.

Apparently the general uncertainty, the gruelling pressure and the political upheaval that Moda'i introduced has been replaced by Avraham Sharir's cautious, rather bland approach to administration.

The new justice minister has made a point of getting acquainted with all his staff, including junior assistants and clerical personnel. He has decided to take advantage of his senior staff's experience — something Sharir is the first to admit he lacks — by ordering several teams to submit opinions on particularly sensitive current cases that demand his attention.

Sharir, who has yet to formulate his stand on sensitive issues such as presidential pardons, extradition and sensitive security cases, intends to study these reports in depth before committing himself to any tactical plan of action.

According to one senior prosecutor, Sharir has brought a "return to normalcy" to the ministry. "He doesn't speak without thinking first and he isn't rash in ordering directives. In time, Sharir could well turn out to be a first-rate justice minister. Too bad that he'll probably leave us in two months time."

"Moda'i was a captain of a mutinous ship sailing through turbulent seas; Sharir, on the other hand, is not really steering the ship, but at least we're in calm waters," said one rather poetic senior prosecutor earlier this week.

THE IMPROVEMENT in relations between prosecution and appointed

ministry officials since Moda'i has extended as far as the Attorney-General's office, with an increasingly apparent readiness to cooperate with the former parish.

"Now that Moda'i is gone, Harish has a chance to stand on his own. To the surprise of us all, he has cast many doubts on our original perceptions of the man's capacity to hold this office," the head of one of his departments told *The Post*.

Harish, for his part, is quick to stress that he was never "Moda'i's man." "Moda'i went to Prime Minister Peres with two names, mine and [Tel Aviv District Court Judge] Mordechai Ben Dror's. Peres ultimately decided on my nomination," said Harish.

Sharir has given complete autonomy to the new attorney-general. He prefers not to be called Harish's boss, but rather his colleague. Harish, who is well aware of the infighting between former justice ministers and their attorneys-general, expects Sharir's "just" attitude to contribute to "greater productivity" within his office.

Despite the general trend toward receptiveness among senior prosecutors, there are still those who are bitter about Harish's and Sharir's appointments. A well-known senior official in the state attorney's office told *The Post* this week:

"Sure I'm bitter. I'm bitter about the political maneuvering at our expense. I'm bitter about the appointment of Judge Harish when there were many acceptable candidates inside our own office, and I'm bitter about the fact that, in the past four months, we've been subjected to the coming and going of three different ministers."

Barbara Amouyal



Avraham Sharir

(IPFA)

BLOCKING AN ANNUAL EVENT

Next year on the Temple Mount

Menachem Shalev

IT HAS already become a part of police tradition that the morning of Tisha-Ba'Av is spent blocking attempts by the Temple Mount Faithful to enter the mount and pray there.

At 8:30 yesterday morning, as thousands of worshippers and tourists were making their way to the Western Wall, the scene was played out once again. Two dozen raging old-timers of the "Faithful," led by their plodding leader, Gershon Salomon, were joined by some new recruits — a la Kahane's Kach, as they proceeded up the trail leading to Moghrabi gate at the western end of the mount.

For every demonstrator, there was a policeman. For every two, a journalist or cameraman, including several foreign crews.

Tat-Nitzav Haim Albaldes, Jerusalem District commander of the

police, personally directed the defending policemen. At first, he allowed the group to move only within 10 metres of the shaded area of the gate. Salomon, waving an Israel flag, rejoined with complaints of "police brutality" in subjecting Jews to being "fried in the sun."

After half an hour, Albaldes retreated and the group moved up a few metres. Salomon responded with a legalistic ploy, citing a High Court decision that sanctions as even closer approach. Albaldes, after parching a few more Jews, moved them up a bit further and said: "This is it. No more."

MEANWHILE, police allowed tourists and Moslem worshippers to enter the mount. Each group

allowed to pass — and especially the traditionally garbed Arab women — roused the detained group and elicited cries of "shame" and "discrimination against Jews" and even "racism." The hot-headed Kachniks outdid themselves but their slogans of "Judenrein Temple Mount" and "Nazi police" were quickly hushed by the more staid veterans of the "Faithful."

Political themes were also heard. "Peres the merchant who sells us out" received a consensus of approval but "Sharon to power" was less popular. All were unanimous, though, that the minister of police was ripe for replacement.

Inside the mount, the Wakf or the Supreme Moslem Council had organized scores of guards in case police

resolve failed. One yarmulked American tourist, who had succeeded in getting past the police, was trailed at a distance by a wary Moslem guard, in case he suddenly whipped out a siddur and started praying.

Two enterprising Kachniks tried an aeronautical approach. From rooftops across the Western Wall square, a banner reading "get rid of the foreigners," held aloft by two clusters of silver balloons, was launched in an attempt to get over the mount walls by air. The wind, however, refused to cooperate, and the flying banner went off in the opposite direction.

Finally, after four hours in the sun, having said the morning prayer and recited the book of Lamentations, the group departed, amidst some jostling and parting epithets hurled at the police. The "Faithful" will be back next year, and so will the police.

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10 glum men may confront Premier Shamir

Tsur: Rotation will pose a new reality

Asher Wallfish/Post Reporter

IF EVERY Alignment cabinet minister is as glum as Absorption Minister Ya'acov Tsur about the Likud's Yitzhak Shamir taking over the premiership in October, the 10 Alignment men will make up a mournful minority.

Looking out of his window in Jerusalem's Hakirya government quarter at the building housing the Prime Minister's Office, soon to be vacated by Shimon Peres, Tsur confessed to *The Post*: "I'm not at all optimistic about how it'll go."

He added: "A government headed by Shamir means a new reality. It's a reality which we shall have to examine and test anew every day. During the past two years, we learned what a central role is played by the initiatives of the man who is premier."

"During the past two years, the Likud managed to stall, neutralize and delay a great many forward-looking proposals. During the coming two years with Shamir at the helm, the Likud will find it infinitely easier to do the same again."

As one example of a forward-looking idea, the minister mentioned the need for Israel to encourage Jordan's plan to buttress its position in Judea and Samaria, as an interim measure not involving any radical diplomatic demarche.

"Jordan wants to enhance its position. It wants to straighten the backs of West Bank Arabs who want to cooperate with it. But that depends a lot on Israel. It won't work if Israel doesn't promote economic development and encourage Arab municipal figures and civil servants."

He continued: "The idea depends on the government allowing some freedom of political action for mod-

erate Arab elements on the West Bank. On the other side of the coin, it also depends on the continued freeze on Jewish settlement in populated Arab areas.

"No wonder that on the eve of Shamir's premiership, Gush Emunim is already signalling to the Likud, in Jericho, that a new round in the battle for domination of the West Bank is due to begin."

"West Bank policy, therefore, is one predictable focus of confrontation between the Likud and the Alignment, commencing in mid-October with the rotation between Peres and Shamir."

Tsur is also worried about the government's economic policy under Shamir. "I don't see Shamir playing the same crucial role in all major economic decisions, as Peres played. Shamir doesn't have the same aptitude. And in any case, the economic policy of Shamir's party is going to be dictated by its political calculations, if we are to believe what Likud figures have already started saying publicly."

Tsur was not inclined to comment on the incessant criticism of Shamir, by his Alignment colleague, Health Minister Mordechai Gur. "I spoke to Motta about it," he admitted. "But you'll have to ask him yourself why he is doing it."

He repeated that he was not at all sure himself how Labour could live with Shamir for two years as premier. Shamir will have to trim his sails according to his more extreme Likud cabinet colleagues.

"How long can the national unity coalition last? Nobody knows. October is the half-way house between elections. From October onwards,

logically, elections are staring us in the face.

"The public at large wanted a national unity coalition and still wants it. My personal problem is to decide whether I do what the public would like me to do, or strive for a long-range objective in which I believe."

"Following public opinion polls cannot be a substitute for policy. In any case, we are not trying to influence the whole voting public, but a relatively restricted bloc outside our own ranks which may listen to reason."

"If we carry on clouding issues, we shall paralyse ourselves. There are times when we have to bring issues into sharper focus," Tsur emphasized.

"Once we have crossed the hurdle of rotation in October, everything should be open. Till October, there is no reason to upset political tranquility."

"Lately, I learned to live with rotation as a fact of life, and my own kibbutz movement failed to give me enough support in my call for early elections, so I dropped that call."

"After the rotation, I hope I shall

not lose the faculty of judgment, to realize when the labour movement has reached the limit in its partnership with the Likud.

"I do not again want to have to pay the sort of price the Alignment paid in the unholy linkage between legislation against racist incitement and legislation against meetings with PLO officials, as it paid on the eve of the Knesset's summer recess," said Tsur.

THE kibbutznik minister is very troubled about the impetus likely to be given by the Likud to a negative trend in Israeli society, caused by continued rule over Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

Not that he holds the Labour Party blameless — far from it.

"For the past 19 years, Labour has been spending all its time arguing with itself about what will happen at the end of days in Israel's relations with Judea, Samaria and Gaza. Because of that, Labour forgot to take a look at what is happening between us and the Arabs of the areas on a day-to-day basis. By assuming the role of overlords against our will for a million Palestinian Arabs, we have been damaging the fabric of our own society," Tsur warned.

He added: "As many as 100,000 Arabs from the areas cross into

Israel each day to work here, many of them receiving substandard wages. Israelis are getting increasingly accustomed to the attitude that there are two nation-classes, with two different levels of rights. From there, out-and-out racism is a logical development.

"Israel is becoming less and less a land of Jewish and Zionist ideals. It is becoming less and less a land where humanism and democracy are the inspiration."

"To perpetuate the present situation for another 10 years positively frightens me."

"Once we had a dream to inspire us, a challenge for the Jewish world. Today that dream is damaged; that challenge is hard to put across."

He stressed that his conclusions do not lead him in the direction of the PLO, or of a state for the Palestine Arabs.

"My point of departure is simply 'how to stop doing ourselves harm,' not how to help the Arabs. Our policy has to aim at halting the damage."

TSUR is also unhappy about the alienation between the labour movement and the religious sector.

"We must make a bigger effort to set up a dialogue with observant Israelis. But we can't ignore the fact

that the religious sector has changed character, more than the secular sector. Within the observant community, extremist trends have come to the fore, both in the nationalist and the religious sense.

"The observant sector has limited its own capacity for dialogue with us, cut down its own room for manoeuvre."

"Just when it seemed as though the National Religious Party, for instance, was ready to return to compromise, it went the other way. The extremists in the NRP still set the tone and everyone else falls in line. Calls for moderation inside the

NRP were limited to a small circle, a fact which disappointed me, as well as disappointing that small circle.

"Nevertheless, the secular sector must actively locate and defuse points of tension with the observant sector. Peres did a good job in that respect some weeks ago, after the outbreak of violence and vandalism."

"In Petah Tikva, for instance, a genuine problem exists. The labour movement should make a proper effort to come to an arrangement and defuse the tension."

"But we do not need to agree to additional religious legislation. In the past, there were areas of disagreement between the secular and the observant sectors, which both sides felt it better not to resolve in a clear-cut manner."

"The trend in the observant sector, to make use of political power in order to obtain religious legislation, is an expression of political extremism which blows differences up, out of all proportion."

"This drives the secular public to confrontations over leisure activities like cinema, soccer, swimming and entertainment. What the secular public should be seeking is to raise the level of debate to issues of a humanistic, pluralistic society, something rooted in the Jewish ideal," Tsur said.

Presidency suffers in GSS pardons

Allan E. Shapiro

IN TIME, the recent High Court decision upholding the presidential pardons for the four senior General Security Service officials, is likely to shrink to its natural proportions, a footnote in the text of constitutional doctrine. OK, so the president does have the authority, according to the two-to-one majority, to grant pardons before the commencement of legal proceedings. But is that what the argument is all about? The president is covered, but were his actions correct?

Now that the court test is out of the way, this is the issue that will be argued. The president's name was removed, by unanimous court order, from the list of respondents in the High Court petitions. He was not a party before the court. But will he continue to be a party to the argument over the correctness of his action, now that its validity has been settled?

It was unfortunate in the extreme that President Herzog, by his public statements in support of his action, injected himself into the public debate on the Shin Bet affair. The law provides that a presidential pardon must be countersigned by the minister of justice. The origin of this rule lies in the history of the British crown, where the countersigning served to affirm that the deed was that of the royal sovereign. In modern times, however, the minister's counter-

signature carries with it parliamentary responsibility.

The court, therefore, properly called attention to ministerial responsibility as well as that of the prime minister, as guarantors against misuse of the pardoning power, in addition to the stature of the presidential office. Why, then, was it President Herzog who bore the brunt of the public explanation and defence of the pardons?

A telling point in Justice Aharon Barak's dissent from the majority ruling is that pardon before legal proceedings inevitably must inject the president into the political arena. This is certainly true, if the president regards a public justification of this action as a personal or institutional necessity.

Nor has the presidential exercise in public relations contributed to a clarification of the issues. Paradoxically, from the point of view of Herzog's declared policy objectives, perhaps the most disturbing feature of the presidential pardons in the Shin Bet affair is the public support that they have enjoyed. It is disturbing, because the pardons have been widely regarded as a sympathetic understanding, not of the security considerations that militated against an investigation into the inner workings of a sensitive security agency, but rather of the criminal actions that are the subject of the investigation. One senses that, for at least a portion of the public, the presidential pardons are regarded as the granting of legitimacy, if not to the framing of Aluf Mordechai, at least to

the lynchings and the attempted cover-up.

PRECISELY because of the exalted nature of the presidential office which symbolizes the nation as a whole, this seeming bestowal of legitimacy is a disturbing matter. It is significant that, in attacking the pardons, no serious attempt was made to invoke the parliamentary responsibility of Justice Minister Modai. As against the prestige of the presidency, the only institution that seemed to offer a suitable forum for challenging the pardons was the High Court. The political process did not provide a reasonable option. The pardons enjoyed too much public support.

But just as Herzog's action was widely interpreted as a bestowal of legitimacy on the actions of the Shin Bet ("He was right, because they had done nothing wrong"), so the decision of the court is being interpreted in some quarters as a judicial approval of the president's action. ("They — the media — should apologize to him.") True, the court majority found authority for the granting of the pardons. The president could prefer considerations of national security to the principle of equality before the law. But the weighing of the conflicting interests involved was the exclusive prerogative of the president, the majority justices made clear. The court did not presume to weigh the issue itself. Hence, the court's decision was a victory for the president on the constitutional question of authority. It constituted

neither judicial approval, nor even a pat on the back, with regard to the moral, ethical, and political questions of the use of that authority.

This stance of the court is an example of its position as an apolitical, professional body which enjoys widespread support within the country. While this is the source of its strength, this very detachment from political controversy can sometimes introduce a certain fantasy element. For example, Justice Miriam Ben-Porat points out that there may be other situations in which the political leadership gives preference to security considerations, at the expense of the principle of equality before the law. Her example: after a Supreme Court Justice has decided that the interests of justice outweigh security considerations with regard to a specific item of evidence for which the prosecution in a criminal case demands privileged secrecy, the government may decide, on the basis of its weighing of the issues, to let an alleged criminal go scot-free, rather than reveal security secrets.

Ben-Porat suggests that there is an analogy here to the presidential pardons, reflecting the judgment that security considerations outweigh, in the particular case, the demands of equality before the law.

THE ANALOGY would be compelling, if the government were making a concession, sacrificing an objective, in not bringing the offenders to justice. In the Shin Bet affair, however, it is the political establishment itself, including the past and

present prime ministers, which is in the dock.

The governmental preference for security considerations, over the demands of equality before the law, under these circumstances, is reasonably suspect. While the president must be presumed capable of rising to the required level of objectivity, no such charitable assumption need be made, neither on behalf of the countersigning justice minister nor on behalf of the cabinet, whose approval Herzog demanded as a condition for granting the pardons.

The High Court comes out of this phase of the Shin Bet affair with its mystique intact. The same cannot be said of the presidency. While Herzog appears to have gained a new public popularity, the institution itself has suffered.

Herzog has emerged from the court with a victory that marks the failure of his declared policy objective: to put an end to the affair. While the pardons have been upheld, so has the necessity of a searching investigation of all levels of responsibility. Speculation is that more pardons are in the offing. How far will Herzog let himself be pushed?

The war in Lebanon was a lesson in the limits of military power. The Shin Bet pardons are a lesson in the limits of presidential power. However Herzog may choose to exercise the prerogatives of his office, he no longer can have any delusions — he cannot make the affair go away.

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Whose zoo?



The West Bank has its hawks and doves, debating the future of the territory. That future will now have to contend with peacocks, ostriches, tigers and monkeys, which will inhabit the West Bank's first zoo, soon to be built in Kalkilya.

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The courage to learn

TORA TODAY/Pinhas H. Peli

THE BOOK OF Deuteronomy, like most of the Torah, abounds with laws, rules and ordinances. There is one remarkable thing about them that rivets our attention: they are by and large not presented as strict authoritative decrees which must be unquestionably obeyed under threat of punishment. Some of them do indeed ordain sanctions and penalties for those who break them, but it is not this aspect which is emphasized.

The verb Moses uses over and over again when broaching the laws to the people is not "to legislate" or "to order", but "to teach".

"And now, O Israel, hearken unto the statutes and unto the ordinances which I teach you, to do them; that ye may live" (Deuteronomy 4:1). The statutes and the ordinances are not to be enforced, but to be taught. They should be hearkened to not because breaking them will cause death, but because they teach us how to live.

This approach, that the laws are to be taught rather than enforced, is repeated many times in the first chapters of Deuteronomy. "Behold, I have taught you statutes and ordinances, even as the Lord my God commanded me" (ibid., verse 5). Again (verse 10) in the words of God Himself: "Assemble me the people and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn"; and in the words of Moses (verse 14): "And the Lord commanded me at that time to teach you".

Learning for the sake of living is the leitmotif of Moses' discourses in the "Repetition" of the Torah (4:40;

5:5,3, 30; 6:18 and many others). What he asks from Israel is not an act of blind obedience, but something which often is even much harder — the will and the courage to learn.

MOSES EMERGES as a master teacher who does not try to impose his views on his listeners by force of his authority, but communicates and reasons with them on their own ground. "For what great nation is there, that has God so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is whensoever we call upon Him? And what great nation is there, that hath statutes and ordinances so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?" (4:7-8).

The law is not imposed, but rather "set before" them, followed by an argument which draws on their own experience and historic consciousness. "For ask now of the days past, which were before thee, since the day that God created man upon earth, and from one end of heaven unto the other, whether there has been any such thing as this great thing is, or has been heard like this?" (ibid., 32).

The process of teaching and learning culminates in the call issued by Moses, and which has since then become the key phrase embodying all of Judaism: *Sh'ma Israel*, "hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one" (ibid., 6:4). *Sh'ma*, to be sure, does not mean in Hebrew just "hear" or "listen", but mainly "understand" or "grasp" (comp. Genesis 41:5; 41:23; 1 Sam. 3:9 et

al.). The acceptance of the kingship of God as the One and only, is not imposed as a sudden command, but is a result of an extended learning process leading to the self-understanding of the truth.

When one reaches that high point of understanding in his learning, he must turn learning into teaching. "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God... And these words which I command thee this day, shall be upon thy heart. And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children" (6:5-7). Diligent teaching is teaching by personal example. A child that sees parents ready to learn at all times, will himself want to learn. By the example of learning regularly which one sets in his/her home, he/she becomes a teacher for the rest of the family.

THIS LEARNING-teaching process permeated Jewish living in the past and enhances it in the present. The ignorant cannot be pious.

declared the rabbis in the *Mishna* (Avot 2:6), "for can the unlearned be fearful of sin?"

Learning the laws and the meaning behind them is required also in order to avoid the danger of "You shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall you diminish from it" (ibid., 4:2). Both adding and diminishing from God's commandments are distortions of his will, both stem from the same kind of ignorance which accepts or rejects the commandments without learning about them. "The ignorant cannot be pious," he proves it not only by diminishing the laws, but also by adding to them, trying to be "holier"

than required and more "glatt" than necessary.

There is no Judaism without learning. Even God Himself is pictured as a Teacher who engages in learning together with his students, arguing with them over a point of law, often adopting their view over his own (see B. Talmud, *Menahot* 2, b and many other sources). The late Simon Rawidowicz (*Studies in Jewish Philosophy*, vol. 1, p. 43) relates that when he taught this to some British theologians they were unable to grasp how could God, the Omnipotent and Omniscient "king of kings" engage in learning with mere mortals. "What blasphemy!" they exclaimed in rage. In Jewish tradition, on the other hand, it represents one of the highest forms of praising the Lord. The day of the observant Jew begins with the study of Torah prior to which he recites a benediction praising God whom he addresses as *hamelemed Torah* *Amno Israel* ("He who teaches Torah to His people Israel"). This benediction originating in the Talmud (TB Brachot 11b), is part of the traditional daily prayer-book.

ONE DOES not study in order to become a rabbi, not even to broaden one's horizons. Study is not a luxury, nor is it an enjoyable pastime. It is a religious commandment obligating rich and poor, scholar and layman alike. In Judaism, study is a form of religious worship, while worship, as it is constructed in Jewish liturgy, is a form of study. The place of worship, a synagogue, is called in Yiddish a *shul*, or *schule*, meaning simply, a school. Every time a Jew goes to pray, he attends school.

In Hebrew, the learned is not called a *hacham*, a wise person, but a *talmid hacham*, a disciple of the wise. True wisdom means constant learning. One never "graduates"

from the learning of Torah. He who thinks that he has finished his studies, said a great hassidic master, is indeed "finished". One learns as long as one lives. By way of learning one also teaches. Any experienced teacher would tell you that there is no better way to learn something new than teaching it to others.

Moses, the greatest of all prophets, is not referred to as such in Jewish tradition, nor even as Moses the legislator, great legislator though he was; he is also not called Moses the liberator, great liberator though he was; he is known as Moshe Rabenu, Moses Our Teacher; perhaps the greatest title that could be bestowed on any person.

The ions portion for this Sabbath is Va-et-hanan (Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11). Rabbi Peli is the Blechner professor of Jewish thought and literature, Bar-Ilan University of the Negev.

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FEATURES

Fatah may be down but it's by no means out

PLO leaves door open for Syria and Jordan

Yehuda Litani/Post Middle East Editor

COMMON wisdom has it that Fatah, the PLO's largest faction, has reached a low point in its political fortunes. The gap with Jordan has widened following the expulsion of Abu Jihad (Khalil al Wazir), Arafat's deputy, from Amman a month ago and the closure of Fatah's offices there. There is continuing tension around the refugee camps in Beirut between the PLO and the Amal militia - though fighting has died down following the entry of Syrian troops into the city.

In addition, the PLO remains plagued by internal splits which have increased dissension in Palestinian ranks. Nevertheless, Fatah's situation really is not so gloomy. Its leader, Yasser Arafat, is known as a survivor who, like a cat, always lands on his feet. Even when pushed into a corner, he manages to extricate himself and escape total defeat.

Resolutions from the last meeting of the PLO executive committee in Baghdad reflected Arafat's ability to delicately balance the poles of opinion within Fatah. The resolutions remained open to initiatives with

Jordan as well as with Syria, and no single political direction was pursued to the complete exclusion of another.

PLO resolutions called for "reconciliation" with Fatah's bitter enemy - Syria - with the sole condition that the PLO retain its independence.

Reacting to Jordan's expulsion of Abu Jihad and Hussein's closure of Fatah's Amman offices, the PLO committee expressed mere "regret" and made no blanket condemnation of Hussein.

The resolutions heaped praise on the "steadfastness" (*sumud*) of West Bank Palestinians. And rather than attacking Jordanian directly for its new five-year economic development plan for the territories, the PLO committee described the proposal as an American-Israeli ploy.

If Fatah had been in a serious crisis, the PLO executive committee - which is dominated by Fatah members - would have reflected that in a vehement attack on Jordan. Instead, the indirect criticism reflects Fatah's relative self-assurance that it has the overwhelming support of Palesti-



Yasser Arafat (Camera Press)



Shimon Peres (Joel Fishman)

nians in the territories and in Lebanon.

The resolutions also reflected the "modus vivendi" between the two poles of Fatah's leadership. The more radical wing, led by Farouk Kaddoumi and Abu Iyad (Salah Khalef), wants reconciliation with Syria and an end to the Amman accord calling for political coopera-

tion between the PLO and Jordan. The more moderate group is opposed to reconciliation with Syria, preferring a low-profile relationship with Jordan until the present storm passes over.

ARAFAT has performed a similar balancing act in unity meetings between Fatah and the Democratic

Alliance - the pro-Soviet Marxist wing of the PLO, made up of Naef Hawatmeh's Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine and Suleiman Najab's Palestinian Communist Party.

The Democratic Alliance, like the more extreme National Salvation Front organizations (the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, Sa'eda and Abu Mussa's group), wants Fatah to cancel the Amman accord and to ignore the relatively moderate, pro-negotiating stance of the 1984 Palestinian National Congress - the controversial 17th PNC conference held in Amman.

Arafat's basic dilemma now is that in order to move ahead with unity talks between Fatah and the other two major PLO blocs, he will inevitably be forced to cancel the Amman accord and repudiate the 1984 PNC resolutions. Such a step would completely sever relations between the PLO and Jordan, making the current rift final.

But Arafat, like Hussein, does not want to sever the few remaining Fatah-Jordanian ties symbolized by the Amman accord. For both sides, that accord continues to represent a hope that one day the relationship will improve.

Thus, Arafat continues to occupy the middle ground, participating in unity talks while not daring to cancel the Amman accord.

FATAH's current attitude toward Jordan is like that of a wife aban-

doned by her husband, who still hopes that the wayward spouse will return because, in truth, he needs her. While the relationship in such a marriage may not be ideal, and every now and then the couple may quarrel, both partners depend on each other.

Fatah expects that in time, Hussein will understand that Jordan cannot proceed in a peace process without the PLO and worse, the Hashemite kingdom's internal stability is endangered by the rift. Without a peace process, the status quo will remain intact, and Hussein's regime will be endangered in the long run by the unrest of East and West Bank Palestinian residents.

For this reason, and also due to Fatah's great popularity among Palestinians in the territories, the PLO Executive Committee did not lose its collective temper, and instead remained diplomatic and rational about Hussein's latest moves against Fatah.

It's true that Fatah is in bad shape now. But at this low point, one can see the strengths that still keep the organization intact.

AT THE beginning of the 1970s, Fatah and the PLO's rise to dominance was a direct result of a broader Arab consensus that the PLO was the appropriate representative of the Palestinians. This Arab consensus in turn, led to wider international recognition.

This twin international and Arab consensus on Fatah and the PLO in turn paved the way for PLO domi-

nance in the territories.

Now, the PLO's position in the Arab world and in the international arena is weaker as links to terrorist actions like the Achille Lauro have made it internationally more unpopular. But in the territories, the seeds sown in earlier years have borne fruit and the popular consensus over the PLO's legitimacy continues to grow.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin should know, from internal reports written by government experts, that Fatah's popularity has continued to grow among West Bank and Gaza Strip residents - and in fact the organization has never had such widespread support in the territories.

Israel, like Jordan, has sought to ignore Fatah's political strength in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. But nothing that either government has done has been able to weaken Fatah's popularity.

Peres' and Rabin's aim - to devise a peace policy on the Palestinian issue that bypasses Fatah and addresses only Jordan - therefore has not produced an echo in the territories. Yet without the population's support, such a policy cannot get far.

This single-minded intent to de-legitimize Fatah also closes the option of treating with the organization's moderate wing, even though, given the PLO's current disarray, there are clear signs that the moderates are seeking access to the Peres government.

LAUGHING IT OFF

Real reasons why the Russians may be on the way

Larry Lefkowitz

IF THE Russians are really coming - in the opening round of an eventual renewal of diplomatic relations between the USSR and Israel - will we return to those heady old days of 1948 when the American and Russian embassies were temporarily housed very close to each other? In the same building in Tel Aviv? Whenever the phone rang on the American side, doors on the Russian side were flung open to try to hear what was being said. And vice versa. Better than a Marx Brothers film, and probably the inspiration for the Israeli tune *You Have to Telephone Twice*.

Why the Russians have now suddenly sent their peace dove soaring in our direction is not clear. To get into the peace process from which they felt left out? To use the property holdings of the Russian Orthodox Church as the driving wedge of a Russian presence in Jerusalem? Whatever the reason, "The winds are blowing," as the Russian folk song goes.

Yet I think all this talk of "peace process" and "church property" is, at best, a red herring. I believe the real reasons are as clear as a glass of vodka stabbed by a beam of sunlight, to borrow from Pushkin.

They are (in order of importance):
• To try to convince the Histadrut to tear up their recent "revisionist" version of the *Internationale* and return to the Unrevised Authorized Version.

• To get back all those Russian melodies so full of *unilene* (tenderness, sadness, exaltation) that were taken over lock, stock and barrel by Israeli lyric writers of the pioneering era and transformed into Israeli songs in violation of the old Russian


proverb: "You can steal a Russian's wife but heaven help you if you steal his *unilene*."

• To reverse the decline of May Day as an Israeli holiday. The decrease in red flags hoisted over our buildings raised a red flag in front of the eyes of Russian scanners of satellite photographs. (There is no truth to the report the Russians are interested in reviving Mapam.)

• To discuss that super-transmitter the Americans are to be allowed to erect in the Negev for the Voice of America. The Russians probably want "equal time" to build their own transmitter in the Galilee - to jam the American one. It could double as a pick-up of Israeli military communications and allow the return of the Soviet antenna-ship which periodically sits off our coast for this purpose.

• To discover once and for all whether Trotsky Street in Tel Aviv is named for Leon Trotsky, the revolutionary, or Nathan Trotsky, the first dentist in Tel Aviv to give receipts.

Still, the renewal of diplomatic relations with Russia might help lower unemployment in Israel. Everybody knows that Soviet cultural, trade, and other representatives are intelligence-gatherers who practice culture and trade on the side. They usually inundate the host country in emulation of the spring thaw that inundates much of Russia with melting snow, so movingly described by Pasternak. If we are lucky, we, too, will get a big delegation. Each and every member will require a watchdog to keep an eye on him. This will open up job possibilities. On the other side of the ledger, the government will have to increase the budget to pay them. But as the old Russian proverb goes: "There is always a fly in the vodka."



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FEATURES

Greer Fay Cashman on the commercial threat to public TV and the press

AT A meeting this week in the office of the finance minister, Education Minister Yitzhak Navon sought to safeguard the future of general television and Educational Television, both of which are within the sphere of his parliamentary responsibility.

Navon was concerned about the competition once a commercial television channel is launched and cable television, now legalized, increases its subscriptions. Israel Television (ITV) which no longer receives government support, bases its budget almost entirely on broadcasting licence fees. Educational Television (ETV), financed by Navon's ministry, needs a budget pruning, according to Finance Minister Moshe Nisim.

A commercial channel and cable TV, as things stand now will have more money than ITV to import programmes and to underwrite local productions. Budding creative talent will by-pass ITV and ETV and go where the money is.

Israel Broadcasting Authority Director-General Uri Forat predicts that the outcome of all this will be that Israel will be left with a single channel. State-owned television, already losing viewers to pirate cable stations and to Jordan, Egypt, Syria and Lebanon, eventually will be unable to justify a licence fee. The public will balk at paying for a station it doesn't watch.

Forat warns that ITV will fade out and ETV will probably face a similar fate. If commercial TV and cable stations screen high-quality educational programmes during school hours, ETV will lose vast chunks of its audience. The Treasury will come down on the Education Ministry like a ton of bricks, demanding that it cease providing a service available from other sources.

ETV's facilities and equipment could conceivably be incorporated into the overall plan for cable television after the yet-to-be-appointed Cable Television Council, responsible to Communications Minister Amnon Rubinstein, gets to work. Three of the council's 11 members will be nominated by the education minister, suggesting that ETV is in a safer position than ITV.

PORAT IS pushing for the second channel to operate within the framework of the Broadcasting Authority, similar to the British example of BBC 1 and BBC 2. Navon is amenable to this since it would increase his ministry's area of responsibility. But Rubinstein, battling to

strengthen the power base of the communications minister, would oppose having the second channel, for which he has fought so hard, moved from the aegis of his ministry. Navon urges that second channel legislation make special provision for ITV and ETV and even suggests that both be permitted to broadcast commercials.

The Daily Newspaper Publishers Association contends that contrary to the Broadcasting Authority Law, ITV and ETV are already doing that in the form of service broadcasts and sponsorships of programmes. The IBA responds that Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) networks abroad use service broadcasts and sponsors to offset production costs. At the end of 1984, the publishers association petitioned the High Court of Justice, asking that the education minister and the Israel Broadcasting Authority show cause why they should not stop broadcasting commercials. The publishers also oppose establishing a commercial television channel for fear of losing advertising revenues.

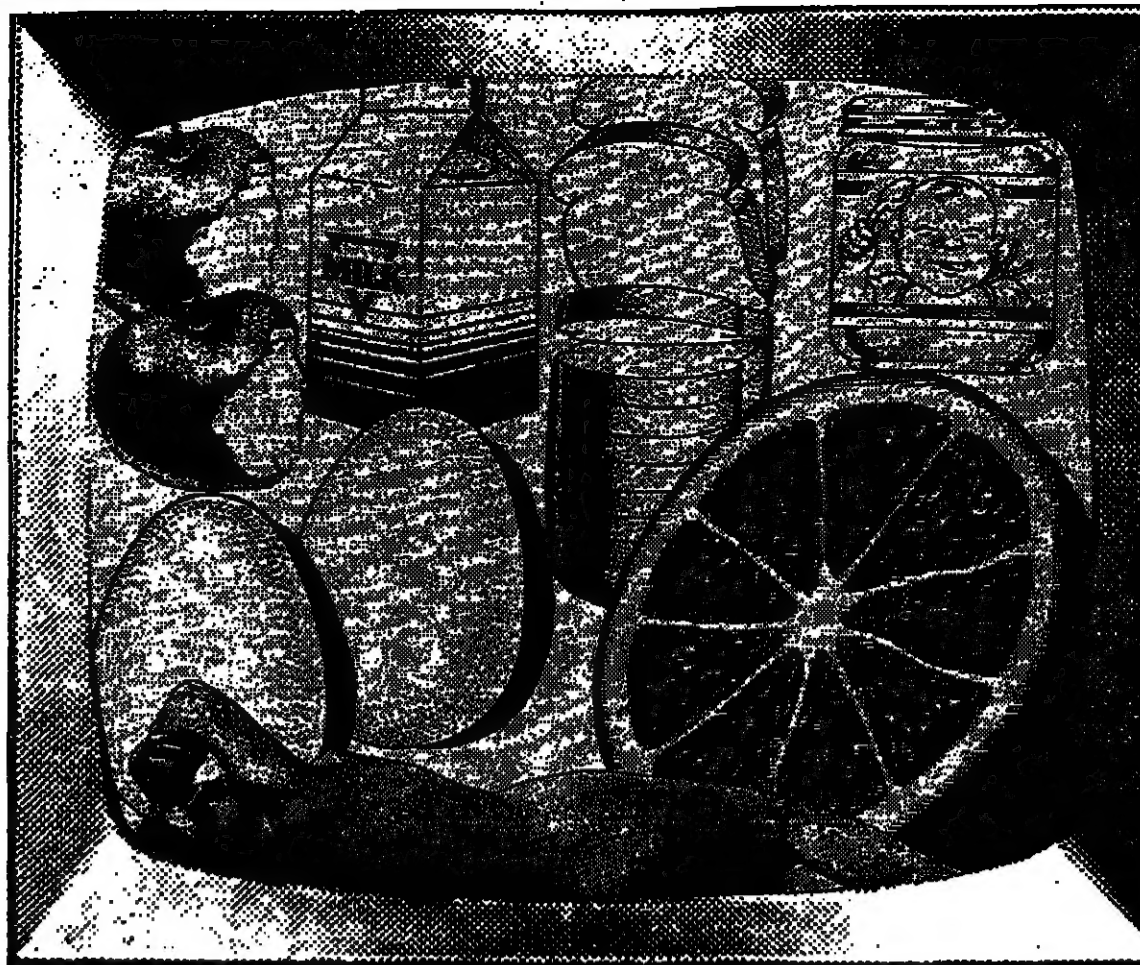
Veteran IBA staffer Arie Avner, one of Porat's chief advisers, recalls that the newspapers were just as vocal in opposing radio advertising. Today, radio commercials contribute 12 per cent of the IBA's \$52 million budget.

REVENUES from television sponsorships and service broadcasts total in the vicinity of \$5 million a year, representing slightly less than 10 per cent of the budget. Since licensing fee income is used almost exclusively for salaries and running costs, as far as television is concerned, sponsorships and service broadcasts income is earmarked for original ITV productions.

Sponsorship brings in \$2 million and service broadcasts approximately \$3 million.

IBA chairman Micha Yonin, who heads the subcommittee on sponsorship, believes that eventually all television in Israel, if it wants to survive, will have to go commercial. Strictures prevailing 10 years ago have been relaxed. In January, 1976 the Maccabi Tel Aviv Basketball Club turned to the High Court of Justice in an attempt to reverse a decision taken by the IBA six months earlier to refrain from indirect advertising. The appeal was denied.

The IBA management committee had announced in June, 1975 that it would not televise games if teams



The shop window in the lounge

continued to display the names of their sponsors on their shirts and sweaters, or if advertising billboards were in view of the TV cameras.

All that has changed. Nowadays we get close-ups of brand names on uniforms and messages from just about every billboard on the field enter our living-rooms.

Service broadcasts, says Yonin, were permissible, even before radio went commercial. It was considered a patriotic duty to encourage national consumption of milk, fruit and vegetables. It still is, although the

nutritive values of milk are contested by many, and the powder used in milk products is imported.

Promotion of agricultural products on television paved the way for other public service broadcasts, some of which have aroused great controversy. Three years ago, Government Press Office director Yisrael Peleg, a member of the IBA management committee, protested vigorously against the screening of public service advertisements encouraging people to settle in Judea and Samaria. To Peleg, a Labour man, this was pure political prop-

aganda, and thus contravened all the rules and regulations pertaining to public service broadcasts.

Although Mifal Hapayis contributes to scores of institutions, there are decision-makers within the IBA who are not sure that promotion of games of chance constitutes a public service.

NATAN BRUN, chairman of the seven-member service broadcast sub-committee, which includes IBA heavyweights such as Porat, Zangan and ITV acting director Haim Yavin, says that there is a great deal

of debate during the committee's weekly meetings on whether women's bodies should be used for publicity. There was the sexist grapefruit ad which provoked the ire of the feminist movement and prompted MK Shulamit Aloni to ask whether male testicles would be as prominently featured in an egg promotion campaign as women's breasts were in the grapefruit promotion. (Testicles in Hebrew slang are called eggs.)

Brun is against using sex to promote a product or a principle. The Society Against Smoking invested a lot of money in anti-smoking films, all of which were heavy with sexual innuendo. When they brought the films to be approved by Brun and his colleagues, they were turned down. Unhappy, they brought in some influential people from the Health Ministry to intervene on their behalf — but the answer was still no.

The committee receives approximately 10 applications a week. It does not deal with public relations firms. It deals directly with the advertisers including government ministries (primarily Tourism, Housing and Industry); public institutions such as the Citrus Board, the Histadrut and the Manufacturers Association; and organizations serving the public such as Akim, Wizo and Na'amat.

All applications must be made in writing, detailing the subject matter of the film. After approving the project, the committee may at any stage withdraw that approval due to disagreement with the client over the script or the content of the film.

Some 40 to 50 per cent of the applications are denied says Brun. The committee cannot decide whether to accept an industry and Trade Ministry film promoting the wine industry. Fostering the consumption of alcohol is not exactly a public service, Brun points out.

The cost per minute for these broadcasts is \$4,000 — considerably less, says Brun, than a full-page advertisement in a weekend newspaper.

No marketing is done to get more clients, and there are no price discounts for anyone. Brun believes that if prices were raised during prime-time viewing, ITV could make a lot of money. But no decision can be taken on that until the High Court rules on the newspaper publisher's petition which was heard by a panel of three justices almost exactly a year ago.

MEANWHILE the service broadcasts and the sponsorship continues. ITV programmes have been sponsored for over two years.

There was a slight hurdle to overcome in the beginning, says Yonin. The names of several of the sponsoring firms meant absolutely nothing to the public, who were familiar with the companies' products but not with the name behind the product.

When the problem was brought to the attention of then attorney-general Yitzhak Zamir, he agreed to the present no-frills format of a company and the brand name of the product but avoiding superlatives.

The regulations for sponsorship and public service broadcasts are based on those employed in the U.S. and the UK. Companies with vested interest in specific programmes are not accepted as sponsors for those programmes.

ITV refused the Brooke Shields anti-smoking films which were accepted by ETV, on the grounds that they were not in Hebrew. ETV charges approximately 25 per cent of less of what ITV charges for airtime.

Neither Yonin nor Brun are happy that ETV accepted a film rejected by ITV. Policy on such issues, says Yonin, must be uniform. You can have separate policies for ITV and ETV when both are responsible to the education minister. Sponsorships range in price from \$2,000 to \$8,000. By commercial standards, it's all small potatoes. For all that, it's a cause of worry to the newspaper publishers who are likely to get even more upset following the Knesset's summer recess when Rubinstein is determined to push through the second channel bill.

An interministerial committee which this week discussed the finer points of the bill did not reach any conclusions on whether second channel advertising revenues will be shared with daily newspapers, and if so, how much they would get.

The newspapers are fighting a losing battle against the second channel. Commercial television has taken its time getting here, but few people doubt that sooner or later it will come. The newspapers would do well to take note of the well-known lesson: if you can't beat them, join them. If the daily newspapers between them take a 51 per cent share in a commercial television station, what they lose on the page will be gained on the air.

I AM sure that all feminists in Israel — indeed, in the entire world — share my indignation about the way Lady Harriet Makepeace was presented in this week's episode of *Dempsey and Makepeace*. Seldom have I seen such a *macho* attempt to demonstrate a woman's inability to function as efficiently as a man in the scouring of villains.

After her performance this week, I am afraid that Harriet should quit the police and join her old Alma Mater's alumni, whom we met some time ago, doing very well in the world's oldest profession. They reminded me of the Vassar graduate with a doctorate in biology who became a callgirl. One of her clients said to her in astonishment, "I don't understand how a woman with your background and education could have become a callgirl." She replied pensively, "I guess that I was just born lucky."

Despite Makepeace's frequent demonstrations of expertise in karate, this week's episode opened with an

attache-case-snatcher putting her in hospital with the greatest of ease. Dempsey, in his magnanimous way, excused her incompetence by ascribing her failure to get her man to the narrow skirt she was wearing. But why on earth was she wearing it? She looked like Major Barbara in Shaw's play written nearly a century ago. Why wasn't she wearing pants, like all sensible women who want to beat up hoods?

Later, when some gangsters took over a bank and held hostages in it, Harriet had the bright idea of getting into the bank via an underground river. In passing, if it was so easy to break into the bank this way, provided one did not mind hobnobbing with rats, I am surprised that crooks did not use the route every Monday and Thursday. Perhaps they did. Maybe there's an underground river running under Jerusalem's King George Street, and that's how the burglars got into the Bank Hapoalim there, and made merry in the bank for a long weekend, only 200 metres

The humbling of Lady Harriet

TELEREVIEW
Philip Gillon

away from police headquarters.

For some mysterious reason, perhaps because getting into the bank that way was her idea, Dempsey allowed her to direct the operation after they were inside. She made an appalling mess of it. She allowed the punks to force her and Dempsey to surrender their weapons by grabbing and threatening to shoot a useless old dame who was having a heart attack.

Dempsey would have shot it out and let the old lady take her chances — she looked as if she wasn't going to last long in this vale of tears, anyway — but Harriet said "No!" Her bright idea was to offer herself as a hostage in place of the old lady. She ordered Dempsey to take the woman out into the street and hand her over to her doctor. I bet she never found him: he was probably playing golf or had gone to a conference in Tokyo.

The male-chauvinist-pig producers thus demonstrated what happens when a woman is put in charge of an operation. Even worse was to follow. Eventually Dempsey managed to get on to the roof of the bus, which was conveying the punks and their hostages to the airport, and to shoot it out with the hoodlums. What did Harriet contribute? She managed to get herself back into hospital — and blamed poor Dempsey for her troubles. The obvious implication, as Professor Higgins said, is that women are irrational, and that their heads are stuffed with cotton wool.

According to this presentation, Lady Harriet is utterly unfit to be a crime-buster. If, for some reason of her own, she doesn't want to be a callgirl — with her looks, she could make a packet as one — she should go

to a vocational guidance office to find some other kind of work more suitable for her talents and training.

THE weekend magazine included a horrifying item devoted to youngsters with dark skins, whose lives are completely without hope and who are doomed to delinquency from the cradle to the grave. What was particularly heart-rending was the fatalistic way in which they described going to prison every now and then as part of the routine of their lives. What we call the quality of life.

Who are they? Juvenile delinquents in New York's Harlem? *Toski* in Johannesburg's Soweto? No. They are Israeli Arab children growing up in Jaffa.

As against this, on *This is It*, the excellent youth magazine, we saw a very encouraging get-together of Jewish and Arab teenagers in a soccer camp organized by Interns for Peace.

Children of both nations said that they had come to the camp in order to learn the other side's point of view, because they believed that the two peoples have got to cooperate and to find a way of living together. One Arab added that he had a further motive — to learn how to play good soccer from internationalists Rifat "Jimmy" Turk and Nimrod Dreyfus. Turk and Dreyfus, very close friends since they played together for Hapoel Tel Aviv, originated the idea of promoting under-

standing through sport. It was taken up with great enthusiasm and organizing ability by Interns for Peace.

Turk, the Jaffa fisherman's son, who would have followed in his father's footsteps had he not become one of the country's finest professional soccer players, said that the position of Arabs had improved since he began to play in the National League. I think that he was only referring to the attitudes of players and crowd to Arabs on the soccer field, not to the general situation, but the whole programme was certainly very heartening.

JEWISH-ARAB and Orthodox-secular tensions have so dominated our attention in recent months that I thought that we could safely assume that at least we had eliminated once and for all the problem of Sephardim versus Ashkenazim. After all, we have had a Sephardi president, and we have Sephardim serving the nation at present as chief of general staff, secretary-general of the Histadrut, Speaker of the Knesset and deputy prime minister. And the Sephardim knocked the Ashkenazim for a loop in the recent Herut convention, so, I thought that they have nothing more to complain about.

Such thinking, of course, was crazy. If there is one inflexible rule in



Soccer star Rifat Turk with Shimon Peres... understanding via sport (Uzi Keren)

Israel, it is that no problem is ever solved.

The latest Sephardi complaint of discrimination is a very curious one. On *This is the Time*, Vicky Sharon, a very attractive young woman, presumably a Sephardi, complained that the press is completely dominated by Ashkenazim.

It is interesting to note in passing that women cannot claim that they suffer from discrimination in the media, since so many of them are doing such excellent and successful work as top journalists and editors.

In support of her thesis, Sharon advanced the astonishing argument that press attacks on Rabbi Meir Kahane are based on Ashkenazi attitudes, and showed a lack of understanding of the real reason for Arabs. He was accused, she said, by the desire to protect underprivileged Sephardim who have to compete with Arabs for unskilled jobs in the

labour market, and fail to do so.

She spoke this appalling and zany nonsense with a straight face, so I presume she was not jesting. Golan and Ram Evron were so amazed that for a while they were at a loss for words. Eventually Golan managed to pipe up that Kahane wants to drive out all the Arabs from the West Bank, where there is certainly no competition for unskilled jobs with the Jews. Frankly, I doubt whether there is any competition either within the Green Line: I have never heard of Sephardim fighting Arabs, and vainly to get the "black" jobs of the country that delighted A.D. Golan don't, but are out of fashion nowadays for Jews.

As far as I can see, the Sephardim are doing very well in a wide variety of commercial enterprises. Why they are not becoming journalists in vast numbers may be a questions meriting more sensible investigation than Vicky Sharon has devoted to the question.

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PEOPLE

SILICON VALLEY in Northern California is still the greatest centre of high-tech in the world. It contains 25 per cent of America's electronic industry and provides employment for an elite corps of scientists and technologists, at least an estimated 5,000 of them. Some of them have joined the ranks of new millionaires who have made fortunes from the forerunner of the New Industrial Revolution. But the dominant elements are the multi-national, ever-eager for expansion.

In the past few years Ireland and other small European countries, particularly the Scandinavians, have intensified their efforts to attract companies in Silicon Valley to establish branches and divert investments to their lands. The Irish have a permanent delegation of 10 economic attaches in San Jose, the main town in the valley, backed up by a highly sophisticated radio and TV promotion campaign, which has produced remarkable results and sizeable investments in Ireland.

By contrast, Israel is without suitable representation in the valley. I learned this regrettable fact from Ya'acov Sela, our consul-general in San Francisco, who has to cope with his manifold duties on a tiny budget, one vice-consul and a couple of secretaries. Although he is truly grateful for the occasional flying visits of members of Israel's Economic Mission in New York, he stresses how essential it is to have an expert permanently on the spot.

Sela is convinced of the tremendous potential for Israel. He notes that two of the biggest American investments in Israel in the past five years were by two huge concerns, both from Silicon Valley—\$150 million by Intel in a Jerusalem plant and \$60 million by National Semiconductor in its Migdal Ha'emek plant. These giants reportedly came here after having their interest aroused by Israelis working for them.

Sela also reports that another valley-based multi-national, Hewlett-Packard, is on the verge of signing a joint venture with Israeli partners. If the above was achieved without a special man whose job it is

to get such companies interested in Israel, how much greater would be the results if such an appointment were made, he declares.

On September 18, Sela is holding an economic conference in San Jose to which executives of 100 of the top Silicon Valley companies are coming. The meeting will focus on joint ventures and R & D projects, with the main speeches from senior executives of U.S. companies with experience of operating in Israel like Lux, Intel, National Semi-Conductors and United Technology. Also involved are people from the Bird Foundation (U.S.-Israel Bi-national Industrial Research & Development). It provides credit up to half a million dollars for joint ventures.

Sela is convinced that many of the brilliant Israeli scientists and engineers working in Silicon Valley would come home if offered suitable employment opportunities. This is particularly the case of family men worried about their children's future. As he puts it: "They represent 20 per cent of Israel's GNP, and our country's future in high-tech."

Sela does his best to help those who approach the consulate to find suitable employment back home. He mentions the successful "job mart" held in San Jose, together with an employment expert of the Social Services and Labour Ministry. Hundreds turned up — he was happy to report — and many found jobs. The "job mart" was a hall divided into booths occupied by representatives of major Israeli companies, like Bezek, Tadiran, Rafael, Israel Aviation Industries and Israel Military Industries.

The importance of San Francisco as a major international financial centre, is a point Sela stresses, especially in connection with U.S. trade with the Far East. San Francisco is also the home of the West Coast Stock Exchange, and of many multinational corporations. Ronald Reagan turned to San Francisco-based Bechtel, when moving from the governor's mansion in Sacramento to the White House, for his defence secretary, Caspar Weinberger.

Mark Segal meets with Ya'acov Sela, who believes that Israel is not doing enough to exploit the economic opportunities open to it in the high-tech Silicon Valley area

Consul to California

ger, his second secretary of state, George Shultz, and his first White House chief-of-staff, the present attorney-general, Ed Meese.

DURING his present home leave, Sela found a sympathetic hearing from Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon for his plea that the San Francisco consulate be allocated an extra \$30,000 annually from the funds assigned such purposes in the U.S., to pay for a local expert in the economic field. Sharon told him his attitude glibed with his own approach, favouring the use of local experts to foster economic relations. The consul-general is now awaiting the outcome of inter-ministerial consultations.

As I ascertained from other sources, Sela is regarded as one of the most successful political appointments by the Likud in our foreign service. Consuls-general in the U.S., so many experts say, often play a more significant role than ambassadors to small sovereign states. Prior to his appointment in 1984, he was better known as Ya'acov (Yaki) Skoler, the successful Tel Aviv accountant; politically he was acting chairman of the Ramat Hasharon local council and national chairman of Herut Youth. His wife Anat ran



the Likud external relations department. The couple has three children.

SELA FINDS San Francisco a fascinating place, not only for its beauty, but also because the Bay Area comprises the "test tube" of American society. It was there that the Hippie generation of the Fifties surfaced, and the hippies in Haight-Ashbury set the trends of the Sixties. In passing Sela notes that in the 1984 presidential elections, this part of California was, apart from Massachusetts, the only area to award a majority to Walter Mondale. On the other hand, Berkeley, once famous for its radicals, went solidly for Ronald Reagan.

Sixty-eight countries have consulates in San Francisco, with the Soviet Union owning a huge structure, housing an enormous staff, many of whom are said to be focused on Silicon Valley's high-tech innovations. However, Israel's consulate has its own special impact.

The Sela has become close friends with the city's famous mayor, Diane Feinstein, and her husband Richard Bloom, whom he accompanied on a recent visit to Israel, which he terms "a tremendous success." He relates that California Governor George Deukmejian, who is of

well-organized Jewish Federation, Sela speaks with great respect of the community's coherence and individual members' commitment, and of the high level of its leadership. This is not only expressed in record giving to the UJA, but also in the frequency of visits to Israel.

The Sela has made many friends among the community, and despite the limited means at the consulate's disposal, he has striven to deepen its links with the community. For example, on Independence Day he sponsored an "Israel Expo" at the Fort Mason exhibition grounds, which was attended by over 10,000 people, with entertainer Mike Burstein acting as compere.

San Francisco Jewry is well-integrated into the larger community, and its members play an influential role in the city's social, cultural and political life. Its best-known couple are, of course, Mayor Feinstein and her husband. In June, for example, she extended the use of her office for the ceremony — the first of its kind in the city — conducted by Sela on Yom Kippur. Three Righteous Gentiles were honoured for saving Jews during the Holocaust. They were Dr. Jerzy Lerski, one of the few Poles to have come to the aid of the doomed Warsaw Ghetto fighters, and a former Czech couple, Jaroslav and Anna Chlap.

Most of the state of Washington's 50,000 Jews live in Seattle, with most of Oregon's 30,000 Jews living in Portland. In Alaska there are about 1,500 Jews, and even smaller communities in Idaho and Montana, about 6,000 in both states. In Montana, Sela encountered Jewish cowboys. Jews in both Idaho and Montana told Sela of their sense of feeling threatened by the local concentration of organized neo-Nazi elements, many of them armed, who last year killed a Jewish journalist. Some of them say they fear to reveal their Jewish identity, partly due to anti-Semitic exploitation of the farming crisis.

Sela reports: "I repeatedly heard complaints from Jews, not only in Idaho and Montana, but also in Oregon and Alaska, of being the

forgotten Jews of America, forgotten by the East Coast Jewish establishment. They feel that the New York-based Jewish organizations are not interested in their fate."

THE ISRAELI consul-general reports on intensified Arab propaganda activities, especially on West Coast campuses, with millions of dollars spent not only on flooding the colleges with propagandists, but also on inviting delegations of professors and students to Arab countries. Not only is there little money to combat this wave of anti-Israel activity, but Jewish students are also on the whole apathetic, Sela finds. This is the case even when anti-Zionist rhetoric inevitably turns into anti-Semitic agitation. For example, at San Francisco State College none of the various student groups were willing to share an office with the Jewish student association, "because you are Zionist and therefore racist," except for the tiny group of students of Greek ethnic origin.

The consul-general strongly regrets that "the weakest link in Jewish defences against the anti-Zionist and anti-Semitic campaign on the campuses in Northern California and adjoining states, is Hillel House. It's not only a question of the second-rate people they employ there, but they're often actively non-supportive of our cause."

Generally speaking Sela finds widespread friendship for the Jewish state, with the strongest support among church groups. Pro-Israel sentiment in the West Coast and adjoining states is premised, he says, on a combination of Christian commitment and regard for Israel as an island of democracy, plus identification with Israel's pioneering spirit and its tough dealings with terrorism.

Sela is deeply worried over the possibly lasting fallout of the Pollard case — "I've met questions about Pollard all over the place, from restaurants in San Francisco to the chamber of commerce in Great Falls, Montana. I fear that people here don't appreciate the seriousness of the matter," he warns.

David M. Maier remembers Louis Rabinowitz

Flora and fauna revisited

Rabbi Prof. Louis I. Rabinowitz, who passed away on Tisha Be'Av two years ago, was well known to the readers of *The Jerusalem Post* for his Flora and Fauna column which appeared in the paper for many years. He was a true "Renaissance man," to whom no subject was alien and no human activity impossible. How fitting that after so many years of activity in the ranks of Ne'emanei Har Habayit (Faithful of the Temple Mount) he departed his earthly abode on Tisha Be'Av. I venture to guess that if he could, he would have chosen this day himself. He shared with his many friends in Israel his wide and often eccentric and unique interests. I had the good fortune to meet him shortly after my aliyah in the summer of 1968, and our friendship deepened over the subsequent years.

He introduced me to the world of the "flora" of Jerusalem. Just two weeks ago while picking capers along the roadside in Givat Shaul I recalled how I was introduced to this particular delicacy by "Uncle Louis," as my children fondly dubbed him. Our rendezvous was set for Friday afternoon after his horseback canter through the Jerusalem forest. We made the rounds of his "secret" catalogue of caper bushes in Rome (the most magnificent now gone as a result of the New Angel bakery shop).

Before being instructed in the art of "how and what to pick" Professor Rabinowitz taught me the Mishna from Tractate Tithes (Chapter IV Mishna 6) "Rabbi Eliezer taught: from the caper bush, tithes are taken from the plant stalks, the caperberries and the caperflowers." He insisted on the basis of this Mishna that there must be three different edible products on this bush, which required separate acts of tithing. He had identified two of them but was in doubt about the meaning of "stalks" and not sure of the explanation offered for it by the rabbis. Only then did we proceed to pick the caper blossoms and the caperberries (fruit). After this first "caper session" I was presented with handwritten instructions for the picking and preservation of my harvest (see below).

These Friday forays into the fruits of Jerusalem were for me, for many years, the highlight of the week. The season of the year determined our venue. Immediately after the first heavy rain, I would await his telephone call that mushrooms were waiting for us in the Jerusalem forest. With this crop came a practical lesson in our kitchen on the drying, pickling and preservation of the various types of fungi that were edible. In the month of March we would make our annual visit to the Mount Zion garden of the nonagenarian Albert Rose to pick "Chushchash" (bitter oranges) for our year's supply of bitter orange marmalade, as good as the best from Fortnum & Mason. Later in the year it was the turn of the green and black olives.

Life with Louis Rabinowitz was full of surprises and often a delight. Each one of his friends remembers different facets of that complex mosaic that was Reb Levi Yitzhak Rabinowitz and we bless his memory.

RECIPES: Caper blossoms — The unopened blossom of the caperflower is the commonly edible product of the caper bush. It is used in salads, sauces and in cooking fish and veal. Wash the picked blossoms. Discard ones that are partially open. Soak them in strong brine solution until they are covered with minute white flecks (1-3 days). Discard the brine and store the picked capers in citrus vinegar in a glass jar. Refrigerated they will keep for a year.

Caperberries — The oval fruit of the caper bush may reach the size of a large olive. It is pickled and crushed with mayonnaise to prepare tartar sauce and similar dressings. Place the fruit in unsalted water, changing it 3 times daily till white spots appear. Boil together 2 cups sugar, 1 cup citrus or apple vinegar, a few whole cloves. Drain the water from the fruit and pour the hot solution over it. Seal with a layer of oil and wait one month before using.

PEOPLE are wondering why Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon wrecked in minutes his canny months-long strategy of fashioning an image of "Sharon the Serious Leader" to replace "the Awful Arik" label. Did he really think anyone took seriously his charge, at Sunday's cabinet meeting, that the horrendous wave of road accidents could be blamed on Arab drivers from the territories? The charge was quickly shot down by Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Or was Arik trying to court Kach sympathizers among Herut convention delegates?

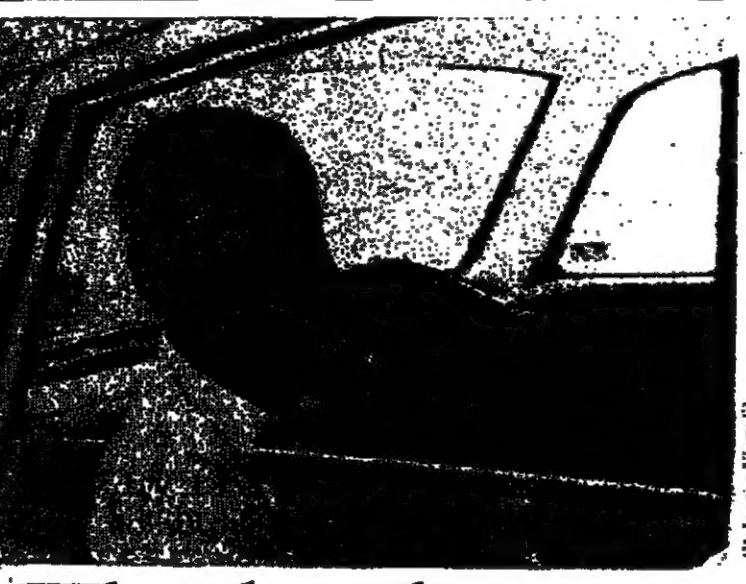
Or was he simply befuddled by the head, minutes before he dozed off at the cabinet table? That certainly brought a caustic comment from Transport Minister Haim Corfu, irate at Arik's vocal opposition to his proposal to cut sales tax on air-conditioners in cars. Prior to the meeting ministers talked enviously of how Arik managed to bulldoze government rules to hire a large Volvo, instead of the Peugeot 505 used by other ministers.

ARIK WOULD never include in his criticism his Gush Emunim pals' wild driving in Jericho, where they almost ran down soldiers doing their duty. Not for nothing is Kiryat Arba Rabbi Moshe Levinger called "the ayatollah of the Wild West Bank militia." Their spokesman, Daniella Weiss, may smugly say, "The IDF will learn from us that we know what's best for the country's security," but that is most definitely not the collective view of the IDF unit at Jericho. A friend doing his reserve duty there told me, "It's bad enough coping with the 40-plus heat, without that lot of boogymans."

IT'S illuminating how those, like Levinger, Weiss and MK Gush Cohen, who talk so much of extending Israeli law over Judea and Samaria, break that law with such ease and put themselves above it!

NA'AMAT secretary-general Mascha Lubelsky says that during her recent visit to South Africa, she encountered Gush Emunim sympathizer Uri Slomim trying to sell West Bank real estate to prospective buyers. Has he exhausted his supply of local people looking for bargains five minutes from Kfar Sava?

I GATHER that the cabinet's budget discussion had its lighter moments. When Finance Minister Moshe Nissim referred to U.S. generosity in extending an extra \$1.5 billion aid, Deputy Premier David Levy asked: "What's the chance of getting a special rotation grant?" Economics and Planning Minister Gad Ya'acobi added: "Now that's really good thinking. I urge the premier to take up the matter."



The back-seat analyst

LABOUR'S non-debate over the Palestinian self-determination issue has revived mention of former premier Menachem Begin's recognition at Camp David of "the Palestinians' legitimate rights," to whom he always referred as "the Arabs of Eretz Yisrael." This prompted Prime Minister Shimon Peres to recall the story of how the great Hebrew writer, the late Haim Hazzaz, on a visit to Paris, saw a sign displaying a sewing machine in a shop window. Entering the store, Hazzaz enquired about buying a machine as a gift for his

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wife. The salesman said: "But, Monsieur, we don't sell sewing machines, we sell signs."

THE SHIFTING sands of internal Herut alliances are shifting again, with talk of Sharon swinging away from Levy towards Minister without Portfolio Moshe Arens, officially still the ally of Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir. This may raise a question mark over the tentative Shamir-Levy division of honours: Shamir as party and executive chairman; Levy, deputy party chairman and central committee head; Sharon replacing Shamir as executive chairman after rotation; and Arens becoming secretariat chairman. It appears that Arik may wreck his ad hoc alliance with Levy to wrest the central committee job from him.

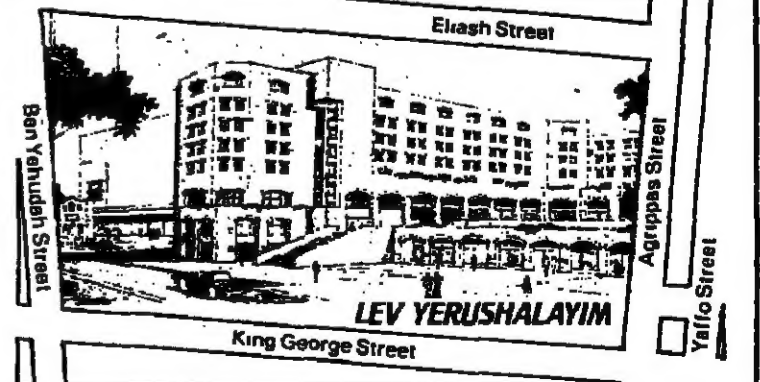
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NIS 54 In memory of my parents, Louis and
Johanna Lustig - Frieda E. Rosemann, Jeru-
salem.

NIS 50 In honor of the Golden Wedding
celebration of Anne and Ben Maskil of
Netanya - from their friends in Nahariya, Joe
Littman, Etta Samuel, Ray Jackson, Sylvia and
Edie Lerman, and Bella Danilowicz. In lieu of
birthday gifts for Gail and Karl - K. & L.
Anonymous.

NIS 36 Sher S. & Z. Petah Tikva.
NIS 34 Miriam Kohn, Tel Aviv.
NIS 30 In memory of my father - Isaac Taktat,
Beersheba. Bridge parties (Sundays &
Wednesdays). In honor of Rabbi and Mrs.
Reuben Siegel's 25th wedding anniversary,
NY.

NIS 28 In memory of a dear man, Israel Cohen,
of N.Y. - Edythe Friedlander, Rehovot.
NIS 27 In memory of Harry Usher.
NIS 21 Mrs. Malvina Schidlovsky.
NIS 20 Bili Friedwald, Haifa.

NIS 15 Anonymous, Mevaseret Yerusha-
lyim.
NIS 10 Mr. D. Feder.
NIS 9 Anonymous.

NIS 5 Mr. and Mrs. S. Rosenzweig, Netanya.
Loni and Aaron Levin, Netanya.
NIS 2 Samuel Blair, Switzerland.
NIS 2 Anonymous, NC.

NIS 20 In honor of Jack Goldstone's 60th birth-
day - Lawrence and Barbara Schoenberg,
Berkeley Heights, NJ.
NIS 20 Rosalind Kohn, NY.

NIS 180 In honor of the marriage of our daugh-
ter, Deborah Stira to Rabbi Abraham Baruch
Joseph Hersh, on August 17, 1986 in Ridge-
wood, NJ - Manfred and Sarah Schmidt,
Jerusalem.

NIS 100 In honor of Sonia and Danny Knop-
per - Rachel and Harry Maimel, West Bloomfield,
MI.

In memory of my brother, Samuel D.
Harris - Saul Harris, Stamford, NY. Anony-
mous, Chicago, IL.
NIS 50 Anonymous, Cincinnati, KS.
NIS 30 In loving memory of my beloved husband,
Meyer - C. Cohen, Los Angeles, CA. In
memory of my parents, Jacob and Leah Kosh-
itz - Esther K. Silverstein, Bklyn, NY. In
memory of Ethel Kaplan and Ida Turklin -
Martha Kaplan, Bronx, NY. In loving memory
of Jacob and Rebecca Berger, and Yaakov
Seldin, and Etan Bard - The Bergers, Berke-
ley, CA. Eli Bernstein, Interlaken, NJ. In
memory of Dr. Esther Goldstone - Paul S.
Lichtenberg, Belle Harbor, NY. In memory of
our beloved Albert Berke - Paige and Hezlie
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NIS 36 In honor of Jack Goldstone's 60th birth-
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honor of Jack Goldstone's 60th birthday -
Martha and Manny Harris, and Jean Joseph, in
memory of my parents, Moshe and Reisel
Leder, and my aunt and uncle, Gedaliah and
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NIS 35 In honor of Rovey Ben-Dor - from his
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In memory of the passing of Dr. Robert
Lehrich, on July 9, 1986 in Chappaqua, NY -
Norman S. Berner, Van Nuys, CA. Leo
Greenblum, Miami, FL. In honor of the
60th birthday of Jack Goldstone - Lawrence
and Barbara Schoenberg, Berkeley Heights,
NJ. Cong. Hebrew Educational Alliance, De-
ver, CO. In honor of Jack Goldstone's 60th
birthday - Sylvia and Lou Rosenberg, Nepes-
si, NY.

NIS 30 In loving memory of my family, Ann, Paul,
Claire Abraham, Doris Goldstein - Paul and
Beatrice Masserman, Laguna Hills, CA. In
memory of Doo Abir, our cousin, who passed
away recently - Bernard and Doris Doctor,
Cincinnati, OH.
NIS 28 Bar mitzvah gift received from Mr. and Mrs.
Jerry Robbins - David Applebaum, Ottawa,
Canada. In memory of a dear friend, Chaya
Avishai, Kibbutz Ein Hashofet - Maurice and
Rosalee Blander, Chicago, IL. In honor of the
60th birthday of Jack Goldstone of Fair Lawn,
NJ - Dr. Raymond Straits, Clifton, NJ.
NIS 25 Ruth and Harold Whitehill, Jericho, NY.
In honor of Jack Goldstone's 60th birthday
celebration - Mr. and Mrs. S. Zornick, Chi-
cago, NJ. Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Ellis, Decatur
GA. In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Ehrlich-
Ted and Irene Straus, Silver Spring, MD.
NIS 10 In memory of my parents, Esther and
Hyman Baker and my brother, Ralph Baker -
Mrs. Annette Weinstein, Rochester, NY.
NIS 9 In honor of Prof. S. Kessler's special
birthday, Depford, NJ - Gary and Meira
Iskowitz and Miriam.

NIS 87 Anonymous.
NIS 82 Harvey M. Berg, Buffalo, NY.
CAN\$25 Samuel Reisz, Canada.

New Donations
NIS 1,713
SL 115
CAN\$25

Progress
Totals
NIS 67,087.70
NIS 6,583 p.m.
NIS 1,665.30
CAN\$1,495
SL 569
SwFr 3,180
FFr 6,000
DM 65,876.30
SwFr 700
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BEGINS
6:46 p.m.
7:44 a.m.
6:58 p.m.
7:02 p.m.
6:59 p.m.

ENDS
8:02 p.m.
8:04 p.m.
8:05 p.m.
7:59 p.m.
8:00 p.m.

TEL AVIV
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Shabbat services conducted by New York Can-
tor Eitan Youngerman. Rosh Hodesh Shabbat
Synagogue President Avraham Hatzron, be-
fore Kabbalat Shabbat, Mincha 6:45, Shabbat
8:00.

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Rd. Old City, Jerusalem. Sunday Services:
English 9 a.m.; German 10:30 a.m. Tel.
20543, 209201.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND
near Railway Station. Sunday morning service,
10 a.m. Tel. 02-714659.

PENTECOSTAL WORSHIP SERVICE, MT.
ZION FELLOWSHIP, 7:30 p.m. Fri. Sat.
Sun. Tel. 20364.

ST. PAUL'S (Pentecostal), 32 Shvitar Yisrael,
6:30 p.m. Saturday. Tel. 02-717988.

JERUSALEM CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY,
YMCA auditorium, 26 King David St. Tel.
23016. Sunday, 7 p.m.

BAR-EL SYNAGOGUE (Progressive), 16
Shmuel Hanaig, Tel. 02-23841. Friday 6:30
p.m. Sermon: Rabbi Tuvia Ben-Horion on *The*
calls of comfort. Shabbat morning 9:30 a.m.

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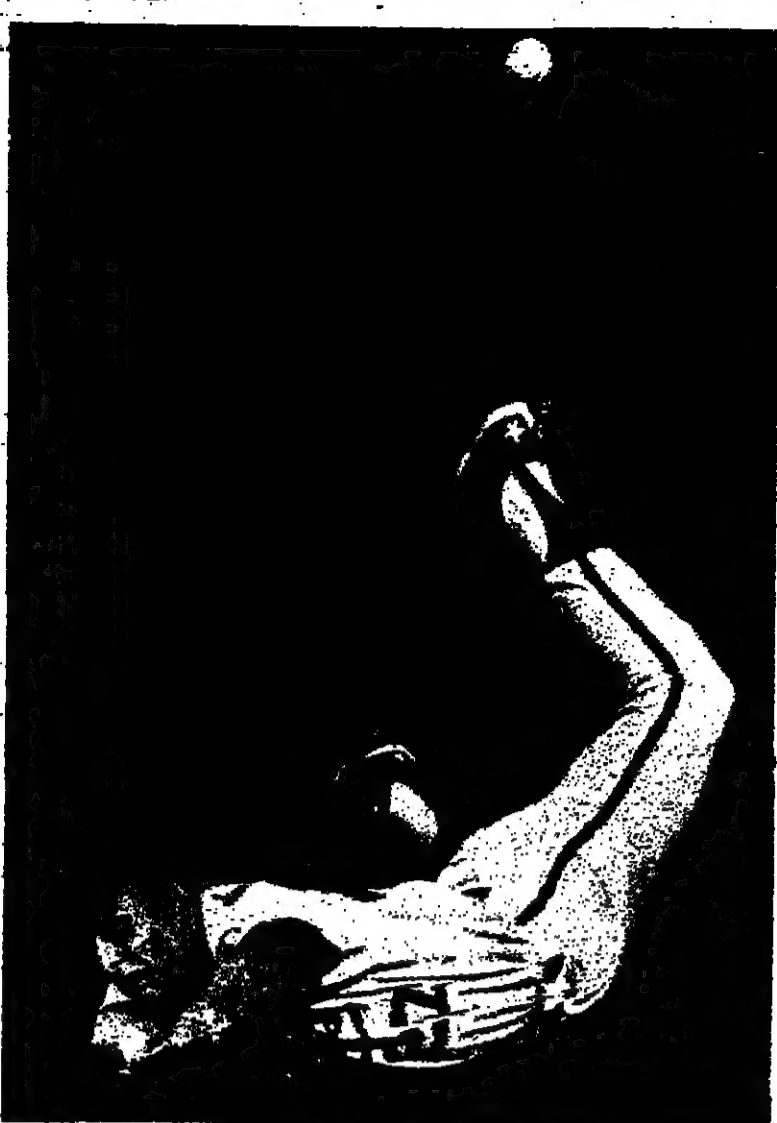
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ZURICH (AFP). - Said Aouita of Morocco and Canada's sprint sensation Ben Johnson stole the show at the star-studded Weltklasse athletics meeting here. Aouita narrowly failing in his assault on the 3,000m world record, and Johnson again beating his great American rivals Carl Lewis and Calvin Smith over 100m.
Aouita, the Olympic 5,000m champion who already holds the 1,500 and 5,000m world records, produced the best time in the world this year over 3,000m, when he won in seven minutes 32.54 seconds. But he was 0.53 seconds outside Henry Rono's eight-year-old world record of 32.01.
Meanwhile, Canada's Common-wealth 100m champion Ben Johnson, the fastest man ever at sea level, put another one over quadruple Olympic champion Carl Lewis and world record holder Calvin Smith.
Faced with an unfavourable wind, Johnson managed the joint second best time in the world this year, behind his own 9.95 sec at the Goodwill Games in Moscow last month. He won almost effortlessly in 10.03 after virtually pulling up some five metres from the line.
Lewis and Smith, whose world record stands at 9.93 seconds, could only bow to the Canadian's superiority as they trailed in third and fourth respectively in 10.25.
Closest once again, to Johnson was the Nigerian, Chidi Okeke who clocked 10.22, although his best this year stands at 10.04.
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MOSCOW (Reuters). - The U.S. and the Soviet Union won their final matches to clinch their preliminary groups and stay on course for a confrontation in the final of the Women's World Basketball Championship.
The Americans breezed past China 99-74 with a second half spurt to see them through in their section in the Lithuanian capital of Vilnius. Czechoslovakia beat Hungary 78-61 to pip the Chinese for the runners-up berth.
The Soviets, seeking to rebuild after a shock defeat by the Americans at the Goodwill Games last month, trounced the hapless South Koreans 90-44 in Seoul.
The U.S. and the Soviet Union were the hosts, taking in the final of the U.S. men's Canada, who needed extra time to edge past bottom-placed Brazil 82-75 in their final group match.
CHESS
Kasparov draws with black
LONDON (AFP). - The seventh game of the world chess championship, between title holder Gary Kasparov and challenger Anatoly Karpov, was declared drawn here yesterday without resuming after Wednesday's adjournment.
The offer of a draw came from former champion Karpov, playing with the white pieces, and was immediately accepted by Kasparov.
The score in the 24-game match now stands at 3.5 points each with one win to each player, and five drawn games.
Pocket computers are off to the races
HONG KONG (Reuters). - Hong Kong horse racing officials are betting that local fans will soon be carrying around pocket-size computers through which they can bet.
About 100 punters will be asked to test the computers in the 1988 season, a spokesman for the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club said.
Horse racing is Hong Kong's most popular sport with more than 2.7 billion wagered last year.
There's a cease-fire, he said as he came off the practice field. Earlier he had returned to the club's good graces by apologizing to Bar-on for derogatory remarks Shirazi made about him recently. According to some reports, these scathing comments had landed him on the club's transfer list. Shirazi's return also made a prophet of Avraham Levy, who last week predicted that Shirazi would be back.
The expression "Always a bridesmaid, never a bride" certainly applies to Bar-on, which last year won the State Cup - which to Bar-on fans is like kissing a girl through a screen door. The club always seems to falter in the very last stages of the league. But Levy insists: "It's not a matter of a lack of the killer instinct. The problem is that teams come to play at YMCA, satisfied to end the game with one point, so they close things up in the game. It is very difficult to breach a bunker. It's only natural that, under such conditions, it was very hard to win, especially if the opposing goalie was having a good day."
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Reds 8, Giants 6
Kurt Stillwell's bases-loaded single capped a three-run eighth inning that carried Cincinnati over San Francisco.
Dodgers 5, Astros 3
Orel Hershiser pitched a two-hit shutout for eight innings as Los Angeles held on for a victory over Houston.
Cardinals 6, Expos 2
Danny Cox pitched a seven-hitter and rookie John Morris drove in two runs, leading St. Louis.

NATIONAL LEAGUE EAST

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	75	57	.569	0
Philadelphia	55	57	.491	20
St. Louis	55	57	.491	20
Chicago	50	63	.442	25 1/2
Pittsburgh	45	68	.398	30 1/2

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	64	50	.561	0
San Francisco	60	54	.520	4
Los Angeles	56	58	.491	8
Cincinnati	53	59	.473	10
Atlanta	50	60	.455	13 1/2
San Diego	53	60	.469	10 1/2

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Boston	66	47	.584	0
New York	64	52	.552	3 1/2
Detroit	62	51	.552	3 1/2
Baltimore	61	53	.535	5 1/2
Toronto	58	56	.517	7 1/2
Cleveland	56	57	.496	10
Minnesota	56	57	.496	10

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	W	L	Pct.	GB
California	62	52	.544	0
Texas	60	53	.528	1 1/2
Kansas City	51	63	.447	11
Chicago	51	63	.447	11
Oakland	52	65	.444	11 1/2
Minnesota	50	64	.438	12
Seattle	49	67	.422	14

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CRICKET
'Bring back Both'

LONDON (Reuters). - The cry "Bring Back Botham" is ringing across England. The country's cricket fans are demanding the recall of the mighty all-rounder to halt a shattering run of test defeats.
Supporters stunned at Tuesday's defeat by New Zealand believe England's only hope of preventing a ninth defeat in 11 Tests next week lie with the mercurial 30-year-old.
But England's selectors appear likely to turn a deaf ear to demands for Botham's rehabilitation, preferring to reward less controversial players as they search for the makings of a squad which can retain the ashes in Australia later this year.
Botham has been in murderous form since returning from a two-month ban imposed by Lords after the Somerset player had admitted smoking marijuana.
He belted 104 in 66 balls in his first county outing and on Sunday smashed 175 not out, including 13 sixes, off 122 balls in a one-day match.
Such form has convinced many, including former captain Bob Willis, that Botham is the man to bolster England's middle order. It is a year since England took a first innings lead and they compiled only 488 runs in two innings in the last Test.
"I find it absolutely bewildering that Ian was not included in the second Test. Most of the batsmen who have played for England this summer are not fit to tie his laces," Willis said.
Botham, not loath to blowing his own trumpet, has been strangely quiet about his possible inclusion - but British newspapers have made the noise for him.
"You're bankers - Shamed England still dither over Botham," "Shame on you - No place for Botham," screamed the headlines yesterday morning as cricket writers indulged in one of their favourite summer pastimes, abusing the selectors.
Many believe the latter are not prepared to forgive Botham for his recent indiscretions. The selectors may also be wary of including Botham because of his tendency to overrule the rest of the team by sheer force of personality.

BASKETBALL
The shuk is closed

By DON GOULD
Post Basketball Reporter
TEL AVIV. - As the deadline approached for the final transfer of players from one team to another with hundreds of players, coaches and management personnel mingling outside the offices of the Israel Basketball Association here, the biggest news of the day was not who was signed, but who was not signed.
Earl Williams, formally of champions Maccabi Tel Aviv and last year with Hapoel Tel Aviv had been strongly rumoured to be ready to go to Elitzur Ramle in the second division. A last minute hitch, however, prevented the transaction from being completed. Hapoel Tel Aviv had already indicated that they were not interested in his services this year, so it is now unlikely that Earl will be in action in Israel this season.
Most teams usually wait until the very last moment to negotiate for player transfers. This year was no exception. On Wednesday evening, the busy restaurant located on street level, two floors below the association's office was packed and the road outside became impassable to regular traffic as negotiations spilled out into the streets.
Among the major transfers that were concluded, Maccabi Tel Aviv added Greg Cornelius from Maccabi Ramat Gan to their roster along with Meir Kaminski of Givat Shmuel and Avi Schiller of Maccabi Darom; at the same time Maccabi have dispensed of the services of Corky Nelson, sending him to Maccabi Rishon LeZion.
Elitzur Netanya had earlier picked up Steve Malowik who had played last winter in Europe, but had previously been with Hapoel Ramat Gan. This week they added Aaron Mizrahi from Hapoel Kfar Haim and Tal Perry from Hapoel Beit Yitzhak.
Hapoel Tel Aviv's major transactions were to acquire former national team players Chaim Zischman and John Willis from Hapoel Hadera.
Holon did not sit idly by: they picked up Orlan Yacobi, originally from Holon; more importantly they signed James Terry who plied his wares in Europe last season after having played with some success for Hadera.
In the coming 10 days all of the teams will officially open training sessions for the 1986-87 season which begins September 28.



TAKING IT LYING DOWN. - Eyal Steigman, Israeli hopeful in the 100 and 200 metre breaststroke at the 5th World Swimming Championships in Madrid, gets a rub down from team physiotherapist Angelica Knipping. In the men's water polo preliminary round yesterday, Israel took a 16-2 drubbing from heavy favourites Hungary. (Reuters telephoto)

TENNIS
Gutsy Amos bows out

Post Sports Staff
Amos Mansdorf is out of the Canadian tennis open being held in Toronto, but before he left, he put a bit of a scare into the event's no. 12 seed, Robert Seguso of the U.S.
Mansdorf took Seguso to three sets, dropping the first at 5-7 but fighting back brilliantly in the second to win 6-3. Seguso, ranked 27th on the ATP computer, compared to the young Israeli 52nd spot then pulled himself together and beat Amos handily in the third set 6-1.
Seguso is currently ranked second in the world in doubles, his long-time speciality. Only recently has he begun his climb up the singles ladder.
In other second round action, John McEnroe continued his comeback with an easy straight-sets win over fellow-American Todd Nelson.
McEnroe, the defending champion who is seeded only fifth this year, won 6-2, 6-3, thus avenging Nelson's victory over his younger brother Patrick in the first round.
Most of the other seeded players on view made it through to the third round, although four of them, Jakob Hlasek, Tim Mayotte, Shkodran Zhelezovskic and Ramach Krishnan, fell by the wayside.

Local juniors win big upsets

Miki Markovitz of Holland and Stefan Schneider of West Germany, the two top seeds, yesterday both fell to Israelis in the quarter-finals of the Hirschfeld Junior Circuit's Jerusalem tennis tournament being held at the capital's Israel Tennis Centre courts.
Markovitz was beaten by Sagiv Horovitz from Arad. The latter put on an awesome display of power, maneuvering his opponent out of position in some great baseline duels and finishing off many spectacular points with brilliant winners. Horovitz won convincingly, 6-2, 6-0.
Schneider, the second seed, was eliminated by Yuval Karuchi of Jerusalem. In contrast with the first match, this was a battle of nerves in which both players lost their temper and were victims of some questionable line calls. Karuchi was mentally the stronger of the two and held his nerve to come out the winner. Final score: 6-7, 6-3, 6-2.
Horovitz will meet Yonatan Ron of South Africa, who had an easy passage to the semis, while Karuchi plays another local, Yoav Anshel.
The girls' competition went according to expectations with all four top seeds going through to the semifinals.

Only Dalia against the gloom

By JACK LEON
TEL AVIV. - Local No. 1 tennis player Dalia Coriat was the one bright star piercing the gloom of Israel's poor performance in the international boys' and girls' 18-and-under annual team championships zonal competition held in Europe this week.
The talented Coriat had two fine singles victories in the 15th Queen Sofia Cup girls' event in Pamplona, as the Israelis were beaten by 4-1 margins by Sweden in the first round and then by their hosts Spain in the consolation competition.
Against Sweden - last year's runners-up and winners twice since 1981 - Coriat beat No. 2 Andersson 7-5, 6-4. She then edged Spanish champion Martinez 6-4, 4-6, 7-5 in a 3 1/2-hour marathon.
In the Vitoria Cup for boys, Israel went down in the second round in Vitoria 0-5 to host-entire Italy, who are going for their third straight victory. In spite of the washout, all the matches were closely fought. Israel had defeated Norway 4-1 in the Venice opener.

Lewis: singer, actor - still athlete

ZURICH (Reuters). - Carl Lewis, sporting superstar, pop singer and actor, arrived in Europe on a business trip declaring that athletics was still the high note of his life.
Lewis, winner of four gold medals at the Los Angeles Olympics two years ago, surprisingly showed up for the Zurich Athletics Grand Prix despite announcing earlier this month that a knee injury would rule him out of competition in Europe this season.
But he quickly revealed at an impromptu news conference that he had flown the Atlantic mainly to make a new pop record and that his appearance in Zurich was largely coincidental.
Lewis, 25, said the tendon injury was not as bad as at first thought and that he felt that, as he was in Europe anyway, he could run one last race of the season in Zurich - the top Grand Prix event on the calendar.
The American, who made a film earlier this year, said he would go on to Brussels to record his third pop record with his newly formed band.
"I want to improve my singing," he said. "But running is still my bread and butter. Maybe by 1990 or 1991 singing and acting will be more important."
"There's room in my life for two

things. I take the crazy energy I have and put it into music. My balance is better than it was back three or five years when I would go out with friends most of the time. Now I stay at home more."
Lewis, reputed to be the world's richest track and field athlete, said he believed he had successfully marketed himself since the Olympics without falling into the trap of promoting lots of individual products.
"Eventually you pay the price for being Mr. or Mrs. Endorsement," he said. "I decided I would concentrate on trying to be a great athlete for three or four more years. I am a professional amateur athlete."
Lewis won three world titles in 1983 before his four Olympic golds the next year in the 100 and 200 metres, long jump and 4x100 metres relay, but injury has inhibited his performances in the last two seasons.
But he said he was confident he would hit peak form for next year's World Championships and the 1988 Olympics in Seoul.
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Waiting for Uri: Betar Jerusalem's nerves tested by their superstar

By ARI BLUMBERG
Will he or won't he? That's the big question keeping Betar Jerusalem fans and management up nights of late, as field leader Uri Malmilian maintains his pre-season buildout. Malmilian still has not shown up at the team's Bayit Vegan practice field, although he is reportedly conducting private workouts. So the club is still acting out a black comedy, "Waiting for Uri." The latest rumour is that the club will release him for a payment of a mere \$265,000. But management might be well advised to heed the words of the fan who said on Monday at Betar's practice: "If Uri doesn't play, we won't be going to Bloomfield."
Club officials this week voiced cautious optimism that Malmilian would stay - as well as the realization that Betar without Uri will be a very different, much weaker team.
"It goes without saying that he's the most important player on the club," Betar Chairman Koni Bar-on told me. "This could have a critical effect on the team. For this reason we decided that Uri Malmilian will continue to be part of the club."
Asked whether or not it might be worth getting rid of Malmilian at the

somewhat advanced age for soccer of 29, Bar-on said: "Uri Malmilian, despite his years, is justifiably considered the best soccer player ever to have played in Israel - a home-grown product. And I have no reason to think that he's in the twilight of his career - I think he has a few good years left to play."
After Monday's practice, I asked Betar coach Dror Kashtan what he would do if the cold war between Uri and Betar turns into harsh reality. He answered: "Why get ahead of ourselves? Let's wait and see what happens with Malmilian, and afterwards we'll see what we should do." Kashtan's veiled optimism and the relaxed tone displayed by club officials discussing Uri's situation lead one to think that the supreme architect of the Betar attacks will soon be back in action.
Clearly Malmilian's presence - or the lack of it - will be a deciding factor in Betar's quest for a championship title. Club director Avraham Levy said: "It all depends on whether Uri plays. If he does, then once again the team's strong point will be in the midfield. The defence will be improved, with the return of Avi Cohen, who is unquestionably a

very good player."
In order to make a run for the title, Betar will need consistent brilliance from Eli Ohana, the star striker. Asked about Ohana's ability to maintain a high level of play over an entire season, Levy said: "Right now, he's pretty consistent. He's 23, and a player usually reaches his peak between the ages of 23-26. So he's on the verge of reaching his peak. We hope these coming years will be his best. And everyone knows that, if Eli's playing well, Betar plays well. If Eli and Uri both play well, the club is unbeatable."
Levy also cited Ya'akov Shvartz and Meir Kadosh as standouts to keep an eye on. Meanwhile, goalkeeper Yossi Mizrahi will try to make his last season with the club before retirement a good one.
As the club limbered up this week for its upcoming trip to Hungary, where it will hold a training camp, there were a few unanswered questions and some interesting decisions facing Kashtan. He said he hoped that everyone would soon be back in training, and that the club could concentrate on soccer. He was still testing Brazilian newcomer Dido this week. Dido himself said that he

would wait until the end of the week, and Betar's decision as to whether to try to sign him, before deciding on his future.
With the club slated to have Bloomfield as its HQ, I asked Kashtan whether he was stressing anything different in practice. "Bloomfield isn't a field with which Betar is unfamiliar - we're used to playing there, and we like to play there. We did give up our home field advantage for the sake of more income. There's an element of risk in giving up YMCA as our home field, but I was promised that, by going to Bloomfield, the directors will keep things quiet in terms of players getting their salaries on time," Kashtan said.
The coach added that the upcoming trip to Hungary will go a long way towards deciding his lineup this season besides the club's proven stars. Kashtan said he hopes to make some cuts on the squad at the beginning of next week.
At least Kashtan can take comfort from the fact that the latest episode in The Perils of Shirazi is over. The now-you-see-him, now-you-don't Betar standout Shlomo Shirazi ended his boycott of practice on Monday and returned to workouts.



UNBEATABLE DUO. - But will they be together this year? Eli Ohana and Uri Malmilian. (Israel)

big ones?
"It's not psychological, it's just football. That's all," Levy maintains. "Right now the fans see only one objective - winning the title. Let's hope that we win it - this year, next year. There's a first for everything, and there will be a first for this, too."
Perhaps, with an improved financial situation, Betar will finally have the kind of year their fans would like to see - if and when Uri Comes Marching Home Again. Meanwhile, Betar fans will have to keep praying that their Favourite Son is soon a signed and satisfied member of this year's Betar squad.

Divorce: political action vs. political thought

Israeli politicians fail to put in writing what they will do in office

Neil K. Wilkof

WHAT POLITICIANS do not do is often no less instructive than their actions. Take the matter of whether or not individual politicians outline in writing their particular political vision.

In the United States, nearly every person who aspires to high office has published a book outlining his stand on the major social, economic, and military issues of the day. Indeed, it is no exaggeration to say that the publication of such a volume has become an unofficial requirement

for one's candidacy.

By contrast, I am not aware of any major politician in Israel who in recent times has published such a work. True, the parties have platforms, and this or that public figure may write a brief piece on a specific issue. But the individual politician publishing a book on the broad compass of public issues apparently does not exist.

This stark difference in the political cultures of the United States and Israel merits serious attention be-

cause it goes straight to the heart of the basic prerequisite for a healthy democracy — the constant interplay between political thought and action, idea and power, reason and passion.

Of course, because democratic statecraft is a dynamic process, political idea and political power are not and cannot be in perfect balance. However, when the imbalance becomes permanent and institutionalized, it becomes a matter for concern.

That is why the lack of any perceived need by our politicians to articulate in a comprehensive fashion their political ideas is so disquieting. It signifies the divorce of political action from political thought in Israeli life, the predominance of political power at the total expense of political reflection.

Let me amplify this. Since modern government is interwoven with politics and political action, contemporary statecraft is necessarily about the proper exercise of political power. However, the exercise of such power does not occur in a vacuum. It must be framed by a set of ideas that set

out what government should be doing and what kind of society such activity is intended to foster.

Political power that is not forced periodically to reevaluate and revise its public agenda becomes power preoccupied solely with its own self-preservation, and it takes on a life of its own. A vital marketplace of political ideas is therefore essential in order to challenge this inertia and introduce constructive change.

THE REAGAN phenomenon is an excellent case in point. Reagan adroitly utilized a decade of flourishing rethinking about the economic, social, cultural and military character of America. These ideas had percolated through private research institutes, key business and industrial leaders, academics, and the editorial page of *The Wall Street Journal*.

Those who ascribe Reagan's victory primarily to his personal popularity miss its essence. His was very much a triumph of ideas, and the popular impression that he was capable of implementing those ideas

into effective political action.

Given this, what can be done in Israel — where politics is its own reward — to nurture such an effective marketplace of ideas. After all, no one can compel politicians to take alternatives seriously so long as the wielding of political power can comfortably be had without resort to such ideas.

More specifically, what can be done to develop a marketplace — outside the framework of partisan political structures — that will generate serious alternatives on balancing state security with personal freedom, on fostering a broadly-based, productive, law-abiding middle class, and on reducing the scope of governmental, and hence political, involvement in our economic and social lives?

The pessimists' view maintains that nothing can be done. According to them, we learn from the American experience that an effective marketplace of political ideas requires a minimum critical audience (including private institutions, business and industry, academics and journalists) that can effectively wield

political power, but that are not themselves irreparably compromised by their own involvement with political institutions.

Even Margaret Thatcher in England, her rhetoric and intentions notwithstanding, has been largely unable to create such an audience. The situation is exacerbated in Israel because of the lack of direct election for our legislators; there is literally no one for the public to pressure.

For the pessimists, therefore, the situation in Israel is likened to an onion — public life at all layers carries with it the same pungent odor of the overweening interference of the political institutions. Accordingly, no room exists here for encouraging a serious marketplace of ideas.

HOWEVER, there also exists an optimists' view, optimistic in the sense that it holds that such a critical audience could be created. For this, two things, I suggest, are needed.

First, the media could address themselves more significantly and methodically to the basic issues on the Israeli public agenda. As it

stands, an aggressive media, by focusing relentlessly on what politicians in Israel do, have become unwitting partners in the evaporation of the marketplace for political ideas. This could be changed if the media reorient themselves away from a preoccupation with politicians and towards an exploration of the fundamental issues underlying public life.

Secondly, Diaspora (i.e., American) Jewry could establish independent institutes and research centres in Israel whose purpose is not to further the interests of their sponsors but to explore — boldly, responsibly, and with profundity — alternatives to the prevailing public agenda. The sponsors should then be prepared to press those Israeli persons and institutions with which they have some sway to consider seriously these alternatives.

I believe that the odds against the long. Still, the pessimists' position too readily concedes a lasting infirmity in our political structure. I, for one, am not ready to accept that.

The writer is an advocate.

Court's pardon ruling finds roots in U.S., English law

LAW REPORT / Asher Felix Landau

In the Supreme Court sitting as the High Court of Justice before the President, Justice Meir Shamgar, the Deputy-President, Justice Miriam Ben-Porat, and Justice Aharon Barak, in the matter of Yitzhak Barzilai and others, petitioners, versus the Government of Israel and others, respondents (H.C. 428/85, 429/85, 431/85, 446/85, 448/85, 463/85).

THE PRINCIPAL questions raised in the petitions before the court were the power of the president of the state to pardon a person who committed an offence but had not been convicted, and the conducting of an inquiry into the events connected with what is known as the "bus No. 300 incident."

The first judgment of the court was given by Justice Meir Shamgar,

who referred at the outset to the reasons published by the president for granting the pardons in question. The president said he had accepted the recommendation of the minister of justice following a meeting of the cabinet with the participation of the attorney-general.

His decision was based, he said, *inter alia*, on a deep conviction that the interests of the public and the state demanded the protection of our security and avoiding the damage which would be caused to the General Security Services by the continued discussion of this matter.

The president detailed the success of the security services in the war against terrorism, emphasizing its tireless and devoted work, done secretly, daily and hourly, in the defence of the state. In the special

conditions of the State of Israel, he said, we could not permit any damage whatever to the defence establishment, and those who guard our people.

THE FIRST specific question which arose, Justice Shamgar continued, was whether the president's power "to pardon offenders" under section II(b) of the Basic Law: The President of the State, included the right to pardon persons not yet convicted. A positive answer had been given by the Supreme Court in the two cases in which this question had arisen during the last 35 years, the cases of Reuven (H.C. 177/50) and Matana (Re-hearing 13/60). True, some scholars had raised doubts as to the correctness of this view, but it must be remembered, he said, that under a democratic system based upon the separation of powers, the interpretation of legislation, starting with Basic Laws and ending with regulations and orders, is the function of

the courts (H.C. 73/85, see *The Jerusalem Post*, September 29, 1985).

Justice Shamgar then analysed in detail the judgments in the cases of Reuven and Matana, concluding that the Supreme Court had recognized an analogy between the pardoning power of the president of the state, and that of the English monarch and the president of the United States. He then cited English and American sources to show that in those countries the power of pardon could be exercised before conviction. He noted in this regard that this was the interpretation given in respect of a presidential pardon under Article II, section 2, clause 1 of the U.S. constitution.

Justice Shamgar also pointed out that this conclusion was supported by the fact that, despite the judgments in the cases of Reuven and Matana, the Knesset had taken no steps to restrict the president's powers in this regard. He also quoted the opinions of Israeli legal scholars who accepted this view.

JUSTICE Shamgar then turned to consider the meaning of the word "offenders" in the context of section II(b) of the Basic Law. He pointed out that it had been held by the Supreme Court in C.R. 224/85 (see *The Jerusalem Post*, February 10, 1986) that expressions in a law must be interpreted in the light of the purpose it is intended to achieve. Thus, while little assistance could be derived from a series of laws in which the terms "offender" and "offence" appeared in different contexts, such as, for example, the Penal Law of 1977, the Police Ordinance, or the Interpretation Ordinance (New Version), some help was given by the two statutes dealing with a general amnesty, namely, the General Amnesty Ordinance of 1949 and the Amnesty Law of 1967. Both these statutes referred to "offenders" who had not been convicted, a conclusion which was made quite clear, in the case of the 1967 law by the speech of the minister of justice in presenting the proposed law to the Knesset. His conclusion was, said Justice Shamgar, that the same applied to the term "offenders" in section II(b) above.

It has been argued, Justice Shamgar continued, that the presidential power of pardon had been abro-

gated, or at least restricted, by later legislation, primarily by the power of the attorney-general to issue a *nolle prosequi*, an order staying a criminal prosecution.

He then analysed in detail the nature of this power, concluding that there was no comparison between the two. A stay of proceedings could only be ordered after a suspect was charged; it did not clear him of guilt since the attorney-general could revive the proceedings if he so wished; and he had to give his reasons for ordering the stay. As against these features, a pardon was final, the stain of guilt was removed, and no reasons for the pardon had to be stated.

Justice Shamgar pointed out that counsel had erred in arguing that also in England and the U.S. the attorney-general's power to stay proceedings had taken the place of the power of pardon before conviction which, in those two countries, so he submitted, had fallen into disuse. It was true that the British monarch had not issued a pardon before conviction for many decades, but it was clear from the authorities that that power still existed, and was not abrogated by disuse.

In the U.S., a presidential pardon was granted in 1974 to President Nixon, and in 1977 to persons who evaded conscription in the Vietnam war. That the power of pardon before conviction should be exercised most sparingly was clear, but its existence in those two countries was not open to doubt.

JUSTICE Shamgar also considered the effect on the president's power of pardon of the Crime Register and Rehabilitation of Offenders Law of 1981, which provides, *inter alia*, for the deletion from the register in certain cases of a person's criminal record, and other statutory provisions providing, for example, for the re-hearing of criminal cases in certain circumstances and the review of punishments by parole boards.

After an exhaustive review of Israeli and other authorities as to the circumstances in which later legislation abrogates or curtails earlier laws, Justice Shamgar held that nothing less than clear and specific statutory provisions can abrogate existing laws. The result was, therefore, that the presidential power of

pardon was unaffected by the later legislation referred to.

Justice Shamgar then dealt with the juristic nature of the power of pardon, referring to Israeli, English and continental sources. He remarked that in the cases of Reuven and Matana the court had cited the power of pardon in England and the U.S. only because the Israeli legislature had adopted the same principles. It should be remembered, however, that the Israeli lawgiver was not dependent on conceptual developments elsewhere, but was free to decide such matters with complete independence. The present situation was that the president's power of pardon was as wide as could be, and he was empowered, therefore, to act as he did in the cases now considered.

IN REGARD to the manner in which the president had acted, Justice Shamgar agreed with an American judgment that, "...While a pardon is a matter of grace, it is nevertheless the grace of the State, and not the personal favour of the Governor. It is granted out of consideration of public policy, for the benefit of the public as well as of the individual, and is to be exercised as the act of the sovereign state, not of the individual caprice of the occupant of the executive office as an individual." He is supposed to act in accordance with sound principles and upon proper facts presented to him.

Shamgar stressed in this context the cardinal importance of maintaining the rule of law, which was not an artificial conception, but was to be observed in the day-to-day actions of all authorities. It demanded binding norms applying to everybody, ensuring the recognition of the basic freedoms and insistence on equality and trust and security. The rule of law, the public welfare, and the approach of the state to the problems facing it were not opposing conceptions, but complemented and sustained each other.

National security also leaned on the rule of law, both in protecting internal policy measures, and in aiding the creation of the means to combat hostile elements. There can be no organized activity of any body of persons, or any discipline, without norms based on binding legal

provisions. As laid down in H.C. 297/82 (see *The Jerusalem Post*, July 24, 1983), another vital factor was that the authority exercising the power must acquaint itself with all the relevant facts, which need be made known only to a very few persons concerned. It must be remembered that the "leaking" of classified information does not happen by itself, but by its deliberate or accidental disclosure by some person involved.

IN THREE of the petitions before the court, Justice Shamgar continued, the name of the president as a respondent had been deleted by the court's order. In this regard, he said, the court had already held in H.C. 659/85 (see *The Jerusalem Post*, April 21, 1986), on the basis of section 13(b) of the above Basic Law, that the president himself was not amenable to the jurisdiction of the courts, though the exercise of his discretion in matters of pardon was subject to judicial review. Justice Shamgar then considered the grounds upon which the president acted, holding that he had considered each case individually, and there was no reason for the court to interfere.

Justice Shamgar, said, had questioned the standing of the petitioners, contending that only those actually pardoned by the President had the right to approach the court for relief. It may be true, he said, that the petitioners did not have a real personal interest in the president's decision. However, the court had already held that it would take a liberal view on the question of the petitioner's standing where the question that arose was of a constitutional character, or of public interest related directly to the advancement of the rule of law. The standing of the petitioners, therefore, should be recognized, but this did not imply any general recognition of the *actio popularis*, a "public petition" to the court.

In conclusion, Justice Shamgar said that in view of the declaration of the attorney-general that a police inquiry would be conducted into the matter raised in the petitions, there was no reason for the court to deal with that subject.

(To be continued)

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Sanctions: not so hard to bypass

Suppose the U.S. and Britain yield to public opinion and, with the rest of the Western world and Japan, apply economic sanctions against South Africa. What will happen?

The theory is that Pretoria will have to institute universal suffrage. But such hopes are likely to be disappointed. Universal suffrage means handing over power to the blacks, and that will spell the end of white privilege.

The rich and exclusive society that has ruled for so long, with its swimming pools and Cadillacs, tennis courts and white-gloved servants, would disappear. The whites will not surrender all that if they do not have to.

How great will the pressure be? Not as great as might be expected. The country has a coast line 2,400 miles long, plus the same again for Namibia. Blockading all that will not be easy.

South Africa controls access routes to Swaziland, Lesotho, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Zambia. Goods shipped to any of those countries through a South African port could be removed from train or truck before reaching their destination. Plenty of collaborators will be available all over the world.

The oil-exporting countries lack customers, and those at war, like Iraq and Iran, will not look too closely at the source of a good offer.

Or suppose there is a ban on the supply of, say, machine tools. Shady characters can be found in every business centre from Pittsburgh to Pernambuco who will gladly place an order for machine tools and resell them to the Springboks for a fat commission.

The cargo will be shipped in a Liberian vessel to Maputo - but the captain will be told to dock in Durban harbour at night by mistake.

Making money to pay for imports will be difficult, but not impossible. Half of South Africa's foreign currency receipts come from the sale of gold, and blocking that is not even theoretically possible. The London Economist points out that Switzerland does not plan to join the blockade. Instead it will at most maintain a *de facto* blockade, that is, buy no more after the blockade than before.

It so happens that nearly all South Africa's gold shipments go straight to Zurich.

South Africa's trade will suffer all the same. Her exports of coal, iron ore, chemicals and farm products will drop. Imports will be harder to acquire. Getting round the blockade will cost money, while foreign bank credit will be harder to raise than it is already.

But all that is not necessarily going to bring Pretoria to its knees. Although there are obvious differences, the country will be in some ways like Britain's situation during World War II, when it was blockaded by the Axis powers. Austerity will reign; persons made jobs in export industries will be absorbed in manufacturing low-quality import substitutes; and all the white population, back to the wall, will become intensely patriotic.

Living standards will drop in South Africa. All communities will suffer, but the whites will not go hungry. The blacks will, inside and outside the Republic. Their suffering might be worth undergoing if a quick victory were possible. As it is, the conflict will be a long one, and things will get worse before they get better. Prospects for all concerned are bleak.

Britain's Financial Times editorialized this week about Egypt's growing debt crisis. Excerpts from the paper's comments follow:

Egypt, since the visit by the late president Anwar Sadat to Jerusalem in 1977, has built up a substantial political credit balance. It is that investment which it is now seeking to draw on to alleviate a mounting debt crisis.

The Egyptian economy and the morale of its military are now heavily supported by Western - primarily U.S. - aid and credit.

President Sadat, badly scarred by the food price riots in January 1977, never again attempted to tamper with the system of state subsidies. President Mubarak has done more but is still only nibbling at the edges.

With Egypt importing up to 60 per cent of its food, the burden on the national exchequer and the balance of payments was mounting sharply even before the price of oil collapsed. Now it is fast becoming intolerable. Egypt is utterly convinced of its special case status. Just how special the case is supposed to be was underlined in February when riot police went on the rampage and more than 100 people were killed. Lurking behind that violence is the spectre of Islamic extremists.

South Africa readies for 'devastating' sanctions

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters). - Apprehensive South African businessmen say they believe that new international economic sanctions would deepen the country's recession, force firms out of business and throw millions, mostly blacks, out of work.

"Extensive sanctions will be devastating to the economy. There will be the psychological impact on confidence. Companies will go to the wall and many will lose their jobs," top industrialist Tony Bloom told Reuters.

The brain drain will be exacerbated and business will be placed in a weak bargaining position in international markets, said Bloom, head of the broad-based Premier Group conglomerate.

Like other businessmen and experts contacted by Reuters, he stressed that it was difficult to assess the impact until the extent of sanctions intended to force South Africa into abandoning its race policies, was known.

University professor Piet Nel, who recently completed a study on sanctions, estimates that a total trade ban would put one million people, some 85 per cent of them blacks, out of work in non-



Miners hunk away at the rock pillars of a South African gold mine. Bankers say black workers like these will be most affected by international economic sanctions.

agricultural sectors.

But the biggest victim would be agriculture, Nel said. Fruit growers' spokesman Fred Meintjes said sanctions would be disastrous and result in the loss of many jobs in the 250,000-strong fruit industry.

Exports account for 85 per cent of the industry's revenue of about \$400 million. About 95 per cent of the work-force were blacks with an average five dependents and extensive sanctions could bring hardship to more than one million people, Meintjes claimed.

Analysts agreed that the unemployment toll resulting from sanctions would be the overriding economic problem. Economists do not think South Africa's mineral exports will be vulnerable to sanctions in the short term. South Africa is a major supplier of rare minerals and is regarded as a cheap and reliable source.

Sanctions busters could easily route minerals through other countries, they said. And contingency arrangements were already being made with East European and black African states.

Experts warned, however, that if the West were to switch to other suppliers of minerals it could be difficult

for South Africa to win back traditional markets.

The South African Foreign Trade Organization (Safro) says that in Western Europe, a key market, mining and agricultural exports have been feeling the effects of political action.

But, Safro reports, trade with black Africa is increasing. "Political developments have not had any noticeable effects on these business ties," it concluded.

The country has been preparing for sanctions for months and that may soften the blow. There has been a sharp increase in imports of mineral products for strategic stockpiling.

Some economists believe new sanctions will not go much further than formalizing what is already in effect, pointing out that South Africa has seen neither foreign investment nor foreign capital for many months.

Lack of investment is cited as a major reason for the economy's poor growth, estimated at only one per cent in 1986 - about a third less than population growth.

One analyst warned that South Africa could soon lag behind in technology because of international isolation.

Another damaging element is the exodus of skilled people. In the first four months of 1986 at least 4,670 emigrated.

The effect of possible sanctions is already being felt in the coal industry, which says more than a third of its 110,000 jobs are in jeopardy because of foreign boycotts. After gold, coal is South Africa's most valuable export.

Tourism has felt the impact of more than two years of political violence. Hotels, with occupancy rates dropping to 40 per cent, have begun laying off staff.

A leading analyst, who asked not to be named, said South Africa's economy would not crumble overnight. "It is going to be a long, drawn-out, harmful process with each company struggling to survive," he said.

The value of the rand, already halved to about 40 U.S. cents since 1984, would inevitably be hit and banks would experience even more difficulty obtaining credit, experts said.

Barclays Bank, South Africa's biggest commercial bank, said that since last year's debt crisis, foreign exchange volumes had been cut by half.

Credit search toughens for South African firms

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters). - Foreign bankers' attitudes to South Africa have hardened over recent months, making it increasingly difficult for the country to raise credit overseas, senior bankers said yesterday.

"It has become more difficult to raise foreign credit since South Africa's raids into neighbouring states in May," said a senior banker, who asked not to be named.

He said the country had not seen any new loans for the last year but now even trade facilities were becoming difficult to raise.

Bankers said one major European bank, traditionally well-disposed towards South Africa, had tightened up on all its dealings with the country.

Pretoria hit what it said were guer-

rilla bases in the capitals of Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe last May.

Foreign banks, under pressure from anti-apartheid groups not to help Pretoria and anxious about the country's political stability, withdrew credit lines a year ago.

This forced Pretoria to reschedule part of its \$24 billion foreign debt after imposing a temporary freeze.

Economists said that if South Africa found itself unable to raise foreign credit, it would be a severe blow to the economy, pushing it further into recession and making it extremely difficult to repay its foreign debt.

"One cannot survive without trade credit," said one economist, who preferred not to be named.

"It's like trying to run a car without oil," he added.

WORLD BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Germany won't boost discount rate

FRANKFURT (AFP). - Directors of West Germany's central bank, the Bundesbank, decided yesterday to maintain the discount rate at current levels, despite appeals from U.S. officials to make credit cheaper.

The 10 directors, meeting after their summer break, kept the discount rate, at which the central bank makes loans to member banks, at 3.5 per cent, and the Lombard rate, at which it buys short-term commercial paper, at 5.5 per cent.

Their discussion conformed to the wishes of the West German government, which fears that cheaper credit could trigger inflation. But it went against appeals from the U.S. that West Germany take steps to stimulate its economy and boost imports.

Speculation surrounding a possible cut in the discount rate emerged in international financial circles following a meeting Monday between U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker and Bundesbank President Karl-Otto Poehl after the funeral of former Bundesbank head Otmar Emminger.

West German monetary officials contend that there is already sufficient liquidity in their economy and cite a 6.7 per cent expansion in the money supply in July, after growth of 6.4 per cent in June.

Indonesia said yesterday he disagreed with suggestions that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries should hold a new summit.

"If such a meeting should fail, it would have serious negative effects, and it is also worth questioning whether all chairmen could attend, because if not it would reduce the quality of the meeting," he said.

The minister said the Opec decision on August 5 in Geneva to hold down production to between 16 and 17 million barrels a day, and the resultant rise in crude oil prices proved the cartel was still powerful.

Meanwhile, the Gulf emirate of Abu Dhabi joined Kuwait in announcing it would cut refinery output in September and October as part of efforts to comply with Opec's decision to cut crude production.

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DEUTSCHMARK	2.0685/85	63/58	88/83	173/162
POUND STERLING	1.4900/10	90/88	130/127	251/246
SWISS FRANC	1.6590/00	58/53	84/75	175/140
JAPANESE YEN	153.65/75	40/37	61/58	123/120
FRANC FRANK	6.7090/15	20/15	45/40	90/120
ITALIAN LIRA	1423.75/25	1145/1220	1675/1775	3300/3450
DUTCH GULDEN	2.3195/05	28/24	47/43	99/91
BELGIAN FRANC	43.635/650	7/9	11/14	21/26
DANISH KRONER	7.7350/40	340/290	515/585	975/1075
AFRICAN RAND	0.3553/63	22/15	30/23	48/38
EUROPEAN CURRENCY UNIT	1.0232/36	18.5/15.5	29/22	50/45
FINNISH MARK	4.9195/15	800/800	700/1100	1400/2000
AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR	0.6080/87	85/83	123/118	213/207
NORWEGIAN KRONER	7.3510/40	1025/1045	1510/1530	3020/3060

Formula for determining forward rates:
High/Low (eg. 2202/01) = deduct from spot price.
Low/High (eg. 2102/20) = add to spot price.

NEW YORK FINANCIAL MARKETS (August 14)

U.S. MONEY RATES
Prime rate 8.00%; Brokered Loan 7.25%; NY Euros 3 months 6 1/2%; 1/4%; Fed Funds late 6 1/2%

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

	PREVIOUS CLOSING	DMK	SFR	STG	YEN	CAN
OPENING	2.0690/00	1.8885/75	1.4880/80	154.00/10	1.3575/81	
LATEST	2.0550/60	1.8550/60	1.4950/60	153.50/60	1.3575/77	

Comment
The dollar fell to new lows for the day as participants remained pessimistic over growth prospects for the U.S. economy, a view underscored by recent lackluster performance in the U.S. stock market. Some analysts also speculated that the Fed may unilaterally cut the discount rate. Sterling was steady on the back of a weaker dollar.

ISRAELI STOCKS

TRADED IN NEW YORK: NYSE AND ASE

	Last	Prev. Close	High	Low	Vol ('000)
Alliance	—	2 1/2	—	—	—
Am. Int. Pap.	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2	111
Ampl.	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	5
Elron	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	34 1/2
Elscor	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	34
Ex. Land	12 1/2	13	13	12 1/2	138

Over the counter

	last	bid	ask	last	bid	ask
Bank Leumi	—	21	23	Interpharm	—	4 1/2
Elbit	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2	Optrotech	5 1/2	5 1/2
ECI Tel.	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2	Rada	—	6 1/2
Elron	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	Solam	4 1/2	4 1/2
Fibronics	5 1/2	5 1/2	5 1/2	Taro-vit	—	3 1/2
IDB Bank	—	48	52	Tevapharm	—	4 1/2
IS	3 1/2	3 1/2	3 1/2	SPI	2 1/2	2 1/2

WALL STREET Closing Prices (August 14)

Dow Jones Indices		NYSE Highest Volume	
IND	1,844.91 + 5.47	ANHEUSER	85 1/2 + 1/2
TRANS	754.00 + 0.82	NL INDUST	11 1/2 + 1/2
UTILS	210.04 + 2.08	ICN PHARM	24 1/2 + 1/2
65 STKS	714.88 + 2.86	IBM	134 1/2 + 1/2
NYSE COMP	141.79 + 0.48	MOBIL	34 1/2 + 1/2
NASDAQ	375.34 + 2.42	BANKAMER	12 1/2 + 1/2
S-P 100 INDEX	221.39 + 0.32	OWENS-CORN	78 1/2 + 1/2
S-P COMPOSITE	246.26 + 0.58	BIG THREE	28 1/2 + 1/2
AMEX INDEX	271.23 + 2.28	SCHLUMBER	31 1/2 + 1/2
		ATT	23 1/2 + 1/2

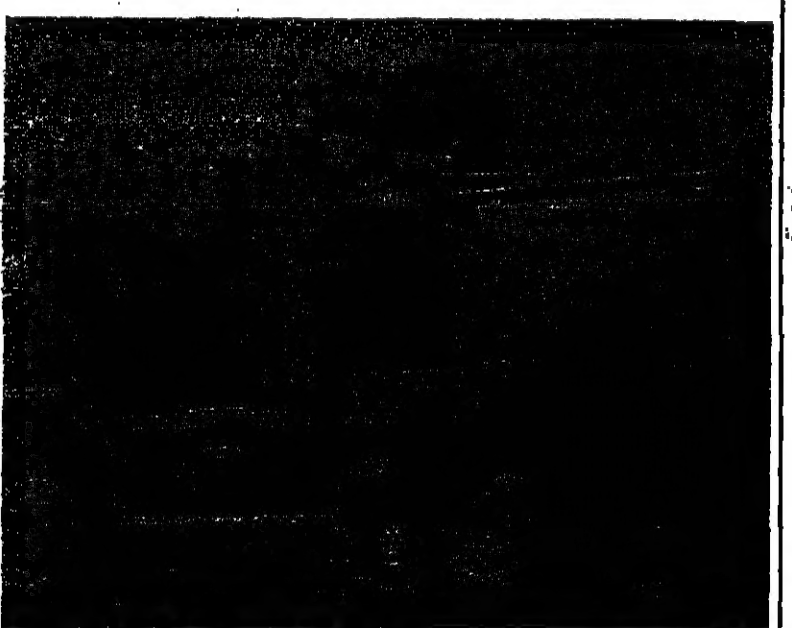
Statistics
VOL 122,418,000 STOCKS UP 1,002 DOWN 583
NYSE NASDAQ VOL 121,278,800 (Aug. 13) STOCKS UP 1,284 DOWN 772

Comment
Wall Street stocks slid slightly yesterday from mid-session highs as a bout of consolidation took hold, but firmness in the transportation sector provided aid. Bond prices eased slightly, taking away some of the support provided to stocks earlier in the week, analysts said.

Anheuser-Busch led advances with a rise of 1/2 to 86. The company announced a stock buyback yesterday. ICN Pharmaceuticals was up 1 1/2 to 23 1/2. A recommendation was issued Wednesday.

OVERSEAS FINANCIAL DATA

PROVIDED BY REUTERS MONITOR



Combining the Air Force's battlefield experience and Israel Aircraft Industries technology, IAI has developed this new anti-aircraft gun fire-control system. Dubbed Eagle Eye, the system uses a combination of television and laser sensors to track targets.

TEMPLE MOUNT

(Continued from Page One)

caches at the site. During yesterday's visit, the four MKs were surrounded by helmeted policemen carrying clubs and plastic shields, and tear-gas guns, as well as by armed Border Police. Scores of additional troops and the police anti-terror unit were also on hand. Reporters were not allowed in with the MKs, under an agreement between the parliament members and the police.

Jerusalem Police Chief Haim Albaldes said the visit "went off without a hitch" and was completely orderly, and according to plan.

Geda Cohen said the deployment of hundreds of policemen to guard the four MKs was "a sign of who controls the mount, which is in the hands of the foreigners." She referred to supervision of the area by the Moslem Wakf (Religious Trust). Eitan said the need for police protection was "our shame."

At a Tebiya rally at the nearby Mograbi Gate after the visit, speakers called for "realization of Israeli sovereignty" on the mount. Ne'eman vowed that there would be further visits, as part of an effort to "emulate the achievement of Rabbi Levinger at the Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron, where prayers are permitted for both Jews and Arabs."

The head of the Supreme Moslem Council, Sheikh Sa'ad A-Din Al-

Alami, said last night that he had agreed to the visit, and that anyone who wanted to visit the site is welcome.

Menachem Shalev adds:

Earlier in the day, some 50 supporters of the "Temple Mount Faithful" group made an unsuccessful bid to enter the mount via the Mograbi Gate. The group was easily contained by a large force of police and Border Police.

A scuffle broke out in the morning at Gate of the Chain, which also leads into the mount. Arab youths threw stones and bottles at Border Police near the Mukhraka police station. One Arab brandishing a broken bottle was arrested, but was shortly released.

Former chief rabbi Shlomo Goren prayed inside the Mukhraka station in the afternoon, in an area which is technically on the Temple Mount, although not accessible from the general mount square.

(See story page 5.)

Holiday closings

The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange was closed yesterday due to the Tisha Be'Av holiday. Because the banks were also closed, shekel exchange rates were unavailable. Interest rates as of Wednesday appear in today's Jerusalem Post.

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PERU PAID \$35 MILLION - part of what it owes to the International Monetary Fund - and asked for an extension on the deadline to pay the rest of the \$186m. it owes. The IMF has given Peru until today to pay the full amount or face the risk of being declared ineligible for fresh credit.

Peru, which is mired in its worst economic crisis in history appealed yesterday to the organization to extend the deadline and said it wanted to remain in the fund.

Central Bank president Leonel Figueroa said in a press conference that Peru also asked to be allowed to make its payments in national currency instead of dollars.

BRITAIN'S UNEMPLOYMENT rate rose to a seasonally adjusted 11.7 per cent of the labour force in July with a record 322 million people out of work, an increase of 4,400 over June, the Employment Ministry said yesterday.

Excluding seasonal factors, the ministry said, the number of unemployed workers rose 50,222 to 3,279,594. Both figures, furth-

TOKYO SHARE PRICES soared to record highs both in terms of Nikkei Stock Average and composite index at the close of the morning session yesterday.

The 225-stock Nikkei average ended the session at 18,146.57 to top the previous record high of 18,050.59 posted on July 25. The composite index passed 1,500-point level for the first time at 1504.78, up 9.64 points from Wednesday's record close of 1495.14.

The investors' action stemmed from increased anticipation - following rises on the Wall Street and the West German market - that Japan and West Germany might join the U.S. to lower interest rates and spur economic growth, brokers said.

U.S. INVENTORIES rose 0.4 per cent in June, while sales went up 0.5 per cent, the Commerce Department said yesterday.

Sales rose \$1.98 billion to \$423.6b. in June when stores were valued at \$59.9b. The department said the rise in inventories was the sharpest since March, when they were up 0.5 per cent, and followed a 0.3 per cent fall in May.

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Taba and beyond

AN UNEASY chapter in the peaceful relations between Israel and Egypt is drawing to an end. Whether its imminent closure will actually herald the advent of a new era in relations is, however, a trifle early to tell.

The fleshing out of the peace treaty through full normalization was made conditional by Egypt some time ago on Israel's consent to arbitration of the dispute over Taba. Israel, for its part, turned the condition around. On Wednesday, the inner cabinet, after deliberating the matter for over seven hours, decided to approve a draft *compromis* for Taba arbitration, the signing of which is to be the signal for unveiling of normalization agreements that have been gathering dust for years.

Such approval had been expected, for had the draft been rejected by the veto-wielding Likud ministerial contingent the result would most likely have been the dissolution of the government, right on the eve of the scheduled rotation.

While the Alignment ministers voted in unison to ratify the draft, the Likud's were split three to two. The majority, led by Vice Premier Yitzhak Shamir, lent its support reluctantly, feeling, as Mr. Shamir put it publicly, that while the draft to which the official Israeli delegation agreed in Cairo was some improvement on earlier drafts, the Egyptians still got their cherished arbitration "too easily and too cheaply." For his part, Mr. Shamir would evidently have preferred to put up a stiffer fight to hold up arbitration, even after he had conceded defeat in the attempt to foist conciliation, his favoured method of non-settlement, on the Egyptians.

As it now stands, the *compromis* provides for a limited period of conciliation as a direct prelude to binding arbitration.

One of the two dissenting Likud ministers, Ariel Sharon, made it clear that he was opposed not so much to the draft submitted to the cabinet as to the very idea that this country's incontestable title to Taba might be denied by outside arbitrators. He favoured mutual agreements, Mr. Sharon said, but without concessions.

Mr. Sharon's dissenting Herut colleague Moshe Arens thought the *compromis*, besides giving Israel little chance to prove its title, should not be approved before all the conditions stipulated by the cabinet in its 14-point resolution of January 13 were met, including a timetable for normalization.

He had a point. What Mr. Arens ignored was the fact that the cabinet resolution had been a strictly Israeli statement of policy, which could hardly be expected to be fully endorsed by Egypt. Likud ministers must, or at least should, have realized at the time that it was a sop devised by Premier Shimon Peres to obtain their cooperation. Not that Mr. Peres had no reason to doubt that an Egyptian-Israeli summit, the return of an Egyptian ambassador to Tel Aviv and normal trade, tourism and cultural relations would coincide with or follow the signing of the *compromis*.

Formal assurances to that effect have since then been received from President Hosni Mubarak, as well as a pledge that state compensations would be paid the families of the Ras Burka victims.

But neither Egypt nor Israel can commit itself to a precise timetable to normalization. Nor can the pace and progress of normalization entirely be divorced from the general state of relations between the two countries. This is not merely because powerful forces within Egypt are pressing Mr. Mubarak to reassert Egypt's traditional leadership of the Arab world even at the price of losing the peace with Israel and the ties with America, but because Egypt remains an Arab land with Arab concerns.

Taba must be arbitrated because it is so provided for in the treaty, and because otherwise any talk of better relations will be but a waste of breath. But if another Lebanon-like war breaks out, or if there is another rush to settlement in the West Bank, post-Taba normalization with Egypt, even if already in progress, will very likely screech to a halt.

Bane of Judaism

WHY IS hostility towards established Jewish religion — meaning Orthodoxy — on the rise among "secular" and even "traditionalist" Jews in this country? Two seemingly unrelated events in two separate localities this week offer a fresh clue. At Tel Haror, in the Negev desert, invaluable artefacts dating back to the 8th century BCE were smashed beyond repair after threatening calls had been received from persons who identified themselves with the ultra-Orthodox Atrah Kadisha, the self-appointed guardians of Jewish cemeteries. A telephone warning had also been received from Rabbi Menahem Porush that digging at Tel Haror — which the Aguda Knesset member had from his perch in Jerusalem found to include Jewish graves — must stop immediately.

The fact that the archeologists digging at the site had received all necessary permits, and that in their considered professional opinion the site had never been inhabited by Jews, counted for nothing with the vandals.

Meanwhile at the Temple Mount yesterday Jewish nationalists — joined by racist Kach movement activists — posturing for the occasion — the occasion being Tisha Be'Av — as devout Orthodox Jews, made several attempts to "reassert Israel's sovereignty" by their physical presence, coupled if possible with prayer, over the site that Israel also recognizes as holy to the Moslems. At least the few truly religious persons among them might have been expected to obey the rabbinical prohibition on prayers on the Temple Mount reiterated on Wednesday by the chief rabbis of Jerusalem. But apparently they chose to pay greater heed to the indulgence issued by the new group calling itself the Supreme Rabbinical Council on the Temple Mount, which not only favours prayers but is pushing for the construction of a synagogue in a section where, according to the partisan view of Rabbi Shlomo Goren, prayers are permitted.

After preventing the rush of the self-proclaimed Temple Mount Faithful to the Mount in the morning, hundreds of especially recruited policemen set out in the afternoon to protect four Tzviya parliamentarians on their pious journey across the Temple Mount. Any connection with religion was at best coincidental: the only purpose of the exercise — denied, of course — was to engineer a nationalist provocation.

The vandals in the Negev and the hotheads on and around the Temple Mount are ideologically poles apart. Yet the anti-Zionist ultra-Orthodox fanatics and the ultra-nationalists in religious garb hardly ever cross swords with each other, for they are engaged in a common fight against a common enemy: liberal, enlightened Israel.

It should not come as a surprise if both groups are treated by liberal Israelis as not only unfriendly, but as the bane of Judaism in our time.

Normalization — a long road

Mikhail Agursky

NO DOUBT, the forthcoming Helsinki negotiations are an important milestone in Soviet-Israel relations. The USSR has taken the first step towards normalizing relations with Israel. This step is not a big leap but is probably a most difficult breakthrough. It violates many precedents and overcomes the violent resistance to normalization from some Soviet leaders, who have declared the total rejection of Israel an important instrument of their own power politics. This resistance has not yet been entirely broken. Thus those who really want to change Soviet Middle East policy must move very slowly and nothing can be taken for granted in contemporary Soviet politics.

For some time, the Soviets have had an urgent need to change their Middle East policy in order to extricate themselves from a very dangerous deadlock. The USSR, however, has accumulated too many vested economic interests in the Middle East to be flexible enough. The real problem for the Soviet leadership is to balance the short-term economic benefits from arms' sales and the supply of inferior industrial equipment to the Arab countries with the growing danger to the USSR of its encirclement by militant Islam which the Soviets themselves helped to consolidate. In fact, the southern USSR constitutes a very soft Islamic underbelly. Moreover the explosive situation in the Middle East can involve the USSR in conflicts which it does not need.

Israel is gradually becoming an important, potential strategic asset to the Soviets since it is a very powerful counterweight to militant Islam. Apparently, several Soviet political advisors have suggested for a long time a reappraisal of Soviet Middle Eastern policy but only now, in the post-Suslov and post-Ponomarev era, have their suggestions been accepted.

However, in spite of the fact that the USSR was a main (if not even the main) factor in creating tension in the Middle East, in spite of the fact that it was the USSR which launched an arms race in the region, in spite of the fact that the USSR was largely if not solely, responsible for several instances of hostility in the Middle East (especially the Six Day War); in

spite of the fact that the USSR is the main beneficiary of international terrorism to which it gives military and political aid; Soviet leaders try to extract as many concessions as possible in its retreat from its suicidal Middle East policy — a retreat which the USSR needs badly.

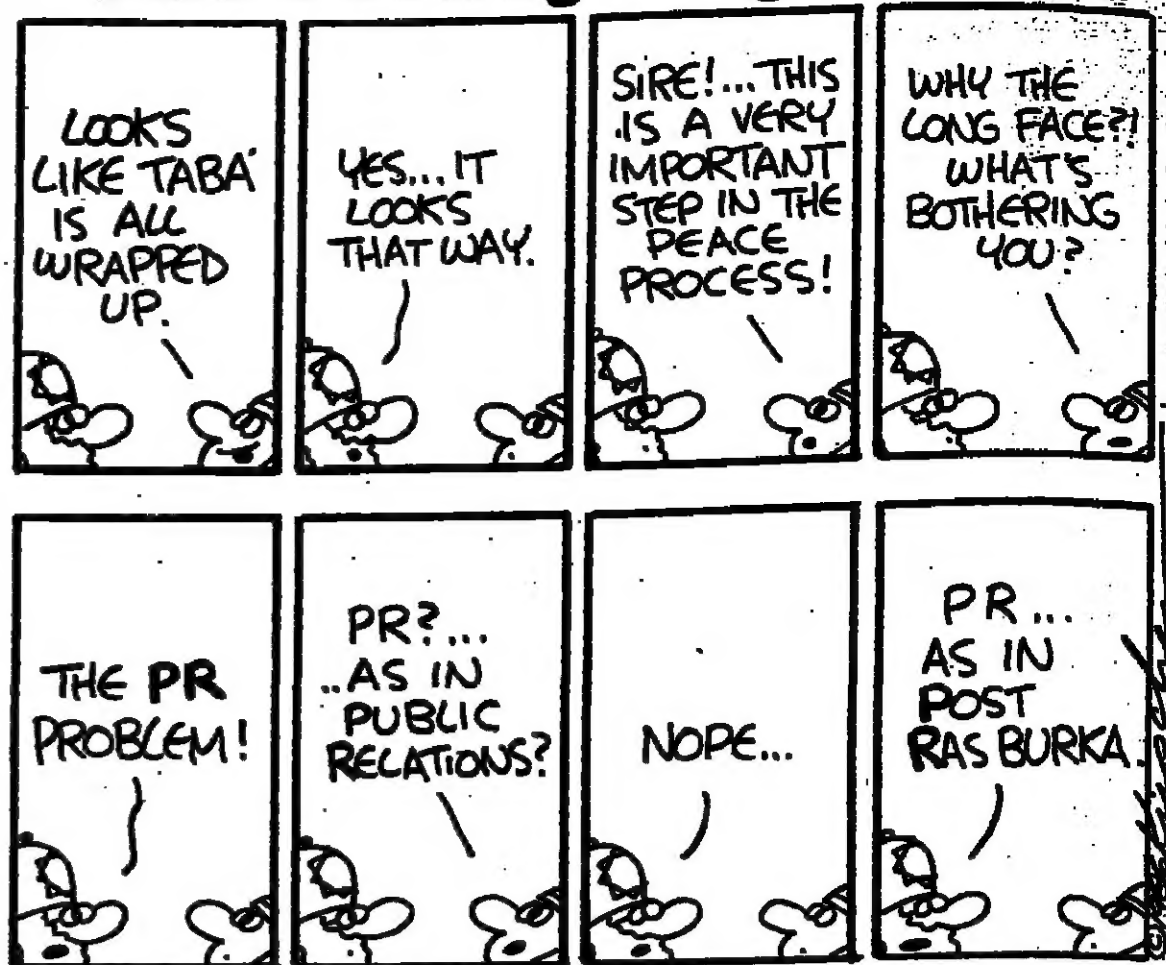
FIRST the Soviets want to extend their control over ecclesiastical property now owned and administered by the "white" Russian Orthodox emigrant church beyond the 1967 green line. Let us leave this sensitive problem to the legal experts. However, what stands out is Soviet imperialism *Sancta Simplicitas*. The USSR boldly asks for its property from Israel, forgetting that all recent Soviet Jewish emigrants were actually robbed of their property by various illegal restrictions and payments when they left the USSR.

Moreover, the USSR, in contradiction to established norms, doesn't pay pensions to its former citizens as all Western countries do. Only a very few people know that former Soviet Jews are terribly discriminated against in Israel since their pensions are calculated only on the basis of their work in Israel and not in the USSR. Every retired former Soviet citizen receives a much lower pension than an average Israeli, let alone Jews who have dual citizenship and receive their pensions from their countries of origin.

A group of Labour-affiliated former Soviet Jews, led by Ephraim Feinblum, has suggested a new Israeli law according to which former Soviet citizens would have pensions equal to those paid to other Israelis. The Israeli government must demand that the USSR pay former Soviet citizens for their work in the USSR.

It is also evident that Soviet-Israel relations on any level are not feasible if the problem of the prisoners of Zion and Jewish refuseniks are not solved. One need not be a prophet to forecast what would happen in the absence of a solution. Relations would be damaged by petitions, demonstrations, appeals in both countries. Any Israeli representative in the USSR would be systematically accused of treason by militant supporters of prisoners of Zion and refuseniks, while Soviet representatives here would live under siege. Normalization would be impossible under such circumstances. If the Soviet side has any illusion that it is

The Friday Dry Bones



possible, it lives in a fool's paradise.

The problem of Soviet refuseniks is completely artificial since it was deliberately created by the Soviet authorities as a provocation for various sinister reasons. For example, those opposed to any normalization of Soviet-Israel relations hoped the refuseniks would act as a time-bomb which would destroy any attempt at rapprochement between the USSR and Israel.

Other Soviet leaders see the problem in terms of large-scale blackmail. They use the refuseniks as hostages to extract big political and economic concessions from the West. Now, more moderate Soviet leaders seemingly would like to use refuseniks and prisoners of Zion to extract new concessions from the West and Israel.

Unfortunately, various Jewish circles throughout the world help the USSR in this dirty game. They inflate the threat to Soviet Jews, exaggerating the cases and giving the USSR the opportunity to ask for a higher price not only for a real change in their policy, but even for each individual Jew they release. What is seen here as a big achievement and the result of Jewish pressure,

is actually a very profitable trade for the USSR.

There is tacit cooperation between Soviet blackmailers and Jewish alarmists. They help each other unwittingly — and sometimes even willingly.

In a democratic society, it is impossible to bridge this harmful alarmism which is efficiently used for Soviet blackmail. But this problem was created by the USSR itself and with goodwill, the Soviets could solve it.

THAT is only a part of our account in dealing with the USSR. The USSR continues to supply arms to the most militant Arab countries like Syria and Libya. The USSR extends its umbrella not only to the terrorist PLO mainstream but also to such murderous, criminal organizations as those of Habash and Hawatma which are in fact Soviet favorites. It is totally incompatible for the USSR to look for any normalization with Israel while at the same time continuing its support for these international criminals who openly take responsibility for the assassination of Israeli civilians. Israel doesn't shelter any anti-

Soviet terrorists and the Kremlin's bona fide might be measured first of all by a withdrawal of support and recognition of these criminal organizations.

One of the first steps which the USSR ought to take is to withdraw its support of the notorious UN resolution equating Zionism and racism, delegitimizing the state of Israel. It would be also a quite legal and reasonable step for the Israeli side to demand legal action be taken against notorious Soviet anti-Semites, like Korneev or Bolshakov, for their offences against humanity according to Soviet law.

There are only a very few extremists in Israel who don't want normalization with the USSR, and former Soviet Jews will be the first beneficiaries of this normalization since they have relatives and friends in the USSR. But in order to ensure normalization is a success, the USSR must itself dismantle traps and mines planted during a long period by various Soviet leaders who were enemies of peace.

Both countries will greatly benefit from normalization but it cannot be achieved by cheap public relations campaigns.

READERS' LETTERS

NEW MAGAZINE'S POLICY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — *Tikkun* is not an "Orthodox" magazine, as your misleading headline of August 3 claims.

Although the editor of *Tikkun* is Orthodox, the national editorial board is composed of 50 leading liberal leaders in the U.S., including several leading Reform, Conservative and Reconstructionist rabbis. Moreover, many of the board members are secular Jews, or not Jewish at all. We make the point very clear in our founding editorial statement — that our goal is to represent the broad diversity in the American liberal and progressive communities and not to establish any new or old Orthodoxy.

In fact, we are very strongly supportive of the movement for women's liberation and intend to do our utmost to ensure that women's voices are heard both within traditional Jewish and secular Jewish contexts. My guess is that this focus itself is enough to distinguish us from what most people have in mind when they talk about "Orthodoxy."

While we identify with the religious peace organizations of Oz Veshalom and Netivot Shalom, it is because they are taking the leadership in insisting that religious people must also be in the vanguard of the struggle for a reconciliation with

our Palestinian neighbours — not because we want to recommend that the proper religious attitude is "Orthodox" versus any other branch of Judaism.

Your reporter focused on the fact that I wear my *tzitzit* out and on my beard — hence my apparent similarity to a Gush Emunim type. But my point, not reported, is that these symbols should not be ceded to the right. Gush Emunim has created a new form of idolatry, putting the conquest of the land above God's command that we do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God. It is a tragedy that these people have become the public representatives of Judaism.

I believe that it is incumbent that those of us who value peace and who take seriously God's command to love our neighbours, and the command to treat the stranger with kindness remembering that we ourselves were slaves in Egypt, should reclaim the mantle as the authentic representatives of the Jewish tradition.

For the same reason, *Tikkun* challenges the right-wing drift in the American Jewish world, a drift that has alienated so many Jews from their authentic roots in Torah.

MICHAEL LERNER, Editor, *Tikkun* Jerusalem (Oakland, Ca.).

MAKING TEA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Milk in tea — may I wish in where angels fear to tread and say that logic provides the answer to the vexed "before" or "after" question (Letters — August 11). If milk is already in the cup when you pour the tea, then you are stuck with a pre-ordained strength, which may well prove too milky for your taste. If, however, you or your hostess adds the milk afterwards, you are able to draw a comparison with gin and tonic — to say "when."

As a Brit, I endorse everything Valentine Vester says about making tea, but for the uninitiated would add that "heating the pot" means pouring some of the near-boiling water into the teapot, swirling it round, and pouring it all away before putting in the tea-leaves or — less messy — tea-bags. If you use tea-leaves, a strainer through which to pour out the nectar is a useful adjunct — it saves an accumulation of leaves at the bottom of the cup.

While we are on the subject, let me mention tea cosies — woolly or padded jackets made to fit neatly over the teapot during those vital minutes while the tea is infusing. A useful investment, even for Jerusalemites, for those winter months.

NEVILLE TELLER Jerusalem.

CHILD AUTO SAFETY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The recent increase in tragic highway accidents has stimulated public discussion of methods for improving traffic safety. One factor which has received too little attention is the importance of car seats and safety belts for infants and children.

While use of front seat belts is required on Israel's highways, few vehicles are equipped with safety restraints in the rear seat. This means that, on most family outings, the rear-seat passengers (usually the children) are unrestrained. There is no doubt that proper use of seat belts can prevent or minimize serious injury and result in increased survival in most motor vehicle accidents. Furthermore, recent studies have shown that seat belts may help prevent accidents.

Studies in the United States showed that driver distraction by unrestrained child passengers was a major factor in causing many traffic accidents. What driver can give his or her full attention to the road, when unrestrained children are fighting, jumping, opening windows and doors, or pulling at the steering

wheel? Proper safety restraints result in a marked improvement in the behaviour and comfort of child passengers. Infants riding in car seats can see out of the window and feel more secure, especially in sudden stops and swerves. Children in seat belts suffer less from motion-sickness.

Education of the Israeli public to the importance of child auto safety must be an integral part of any comprehensive programme for accident prevention on the highways. Parents must learn to provide adequate car seat restraints for their children, beginning with the newborn infant's first ride home from the hospital. Parents can set a personal example by buckling up each time the car ignition key is turned on. Parents, physicians, and health funds can organize programmes for lending and recycling of new and used car seats. Legislators should provide financial incentives for more stringent safety standards, e.g., decreased car levies or lower insurance rates for cars equipped with rear seat belts.

HARRY J. HIRSCH, M.D. Jerusalem.

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